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CMS Announces September 30, 2009 as the Deadline for all DMEPOS Suppliers to be Accredited

Raleigh, NC- Existing DMEPOS suppliers, with the exception of those eligible professionals and other persons mentioned, that are enrolled in the Medicare program are required to obtain and submit proof of accreditation to the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) by September 30, 2009. The NSC will revoke a DMEPOS supplier's billing privileges on October 1, 2009.

The accreditation process may take up to nine months to complete for an enrolled DMEPOS supplier that submits the in-process documentation to the Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc.(ACHC) and has no deficiencies to correct post onsite-survey.

Since March 1, 2008, new DMEPOS suppliers submitting an enrollment application to the NSC (excepting those eligible professionals) must be accredited prior to submitting the application. The NSC will not approve any DMEPOS supplier's enrollment application if the enrollment package does not contain an approved accreditation upon receipt or in response to a developmental request. The NSC shall reject the enrollment application unless the DMEPOS supplier provides supporting documentation that demonstrates that the supplier has an approved accreditation.

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