

Information and Updates from the NSC



November 2015

2016 Open Enrollment for Medicare Providers and Suppliers

The 2016 Annual Participation Open Enrollment Period is approaching and runs Mid-November through December 31st. The open enrollment period allows Medicare suppliers to revisit their choice to accept Medicare assignment for claims payment. The participation status only affects how you are reimbursed from Medicare. Changing your status to non-participating does not terminate your Medicare billing privileges.

*If you do not wish to make any changes to your participation status, it is not necessary to respond during this period.

- To change your status to participating, submit a request on the CMS-460 form signed by the authorized or delegated official as previously reported to the NSC.
- To change your status to non-participating, submit a request on your company's letterhead signed by the company's authorized or delegated official as previously reported to the NSC. The CMS-460 participation agreement can be downloaded from the CMS website (<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms460.pdf>).

Please Note: If you are currently enrolled in the Medicare program other than as a DMEPOS supplier, you may only change your participation status with one carrier as the status will be the same with all Medicare contractors. Medicare Physician Fee Schedule fees for services rendered during 2015 are posted on your local Medicare billing contractor's website.

For more information, contact NSC Customer Service at 866-238-9652, M-F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, ET.



Rule of Thumb...

If you're not changing anything, you shouldn't send us anything!

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Flu roster billing is paid as assigned regardless of participation status

When do you need to report the location of a warehouse?

A Warehouse Location is documented during the on-site inspection. Because the CMS-855S Enrollment Application does not capture the address of a warehouse location, you do not have to report a move for a warehouse.



Fingerprint-based Background Checks



The fingerprint-based background requirement was implemented on August 6, 2014 and will continue to be conducted in phases. DMEPOS suppliers will receive notification of the fingerprint requirements from the NSC Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). If you receive notification of the fingerprint requirements, you will have 30 days from the date of the letter to be fingerprinted. The NSC MAC will send a letter to the applicable suppliers listing all 5% or greater owners **and partners** who are required to be fingerprinted. The letter will be mailed to the supplier's correspondence address and the special payments address on file with Medicare. ***Fingerprints should be sent to Accurate Biometrics for processing***—4849 N Milwaukee Avenue Suite 101 Chicago, Illinois 60630. For additional information, view MLN Matters Article SE1427 on the CMS Website—www.cms.gov.

Medicare DMEPOS Beneficiary Statement

DMEPOS suppliers have the option to disclose the following statement in order to satisfy the requirement outlined in Supplier Standard 16 in lieu of providing a copy of the standards to the beneficiary.

The products and/or services provided to you by (Insert supplier legal business name or DBA) are subject to the supplier standards contained in the Federal regulations shown at 42 Code of Federal Regulations Section 424.57(c). These standards concern business professional and operational matters (e.g., honoring warranties and hours of operation). The full text of these standards can be obtained at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>. Upon request we will furnish you a written copy of the standards.



Ask Wendell

Q. What are the percentages of applications that are going for fingerprinting and what is the average time added to processing the applications because of this?

A. All new applicants are subject to fingerprinting. Response time of the individual, quality of fingerprints, or discrepancies can cause delays in processing.

Q. How long will it take to process my 855S Enrollment Application?

A. The NSC processes all documents by CMS guidelines. While there is no specific time frame, applications are processed in the order in which they are received. Processing time is facilitated if the application is free of errors, and have all required attachments.

Suppliers can submit enrollment information via the CMS-855S or through Internet-Based PECOS. Benefits of Internet-Based PECOS:



- Suppliers can view their enrollment record
- Decreases development requests
- Reduces administrative burden.

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