

# Senior Services News



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**TO:** Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - **For Action**

**SUBJECT:** **Medicare Supplier number requirement**

**EFFECTIVE:** **Immediately**

**PURPOSE:** To delineate the responsibilities of providers of pharmaceutical services to Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold (SG) program beneficiaries concerning new Accreditation requirement imposed by CMS and to respond to concerns expressed by Pharmacy community.

**ACTION:** **Pharmacy providers must comply with the CMS requirement of accreditation to maintain their participation in PAAD/SG programs.**

## **Background:**

CMS regulations require that DMEPOS suppliers choosing to obtain/maintain their Medicare billing privileges must submit accreditation documentation to the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC).

CMS allows an exemption from the accreditation requirement to the providers who choose to provide drug and pharmaceuticals only. Pharmacy providers must update their file with NSC to reflect products and services that will be provided to beneficiaries. Please refer to [www.palmettogba.com](http://www.palmettogba.com) or contact NSC @ 1-866-238-9652 for additional information.

## **Obligations of the Pharmacy Provider:**

- To make a good faith effort to establish and maintain enrollment as a Medicare B supplier. PAAD will continue to allow providers to participate as long as they mail one of the following documents **before November 1, 2009** to:

**ATTN: Provider Enrollment  
UNISYS  
PO BOX 4804  
TRENTON, NJ 08650**

- Provide a copy of the application for accreditation
- Provide a copy of the submitted 855S form if you choose to provide only Drug and pharmaceuticals to our beneficiaries.
- Provide a copy of the approval letter from DMERC for the supplier number.

Any provider who fails to provide an update on an application or copy of approval letter from CMS/NSC **before November 1, 2010, will be terminated from the PAAD/SG program(s).**

Pharmacies are reminded that the PAAD/Senior Gold and ADDP programs are always the payor of last resort, please bill Part B first for eligible drugs prior to billing PAAD/SG/ADDP programs.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the DHSS - PAAD pharmacy hotline at 1-866-854-1596.

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