

First Coast Service Options (FCSO) ,(J9 MAC) for Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Florida released Accreditation for DMEPOS providers and suppliers Reminder.....May 26,2009

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Summary

This article is a reminder for DMEPOS (durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies) providers and suppliers enrolled in the Medicare Part B program regarding the requirement to obtain accreditation by [September 30, 2009](#).

A DMEPOS supplier's Medicare Part B billing privileges will be revoked on [October 1, 2009](#), if the DMEPOS supplier fails to obtain accreditation by September 30, 2009.

Suppliers submitting applications to an accrediting organization after [January 31, 2009](#), may or may not have their accreditation decision by the September 30, 2009, deadline.

Suppliers who submitted a completed application to an accrediting organization on or before January 31, 2009, will have their accreditation decision (either full accreditation or denied accreditation) on or before the September 30, 2009, deadline.

It takes an average of six to seven months but could take as long as nine months for a DMEPOS supplier to complete the accreditation process. Accordingly, DMEPOS suppliers should contact an accreditation organization right away to obtain information about the accreditation process and submit an application.

For those DMEPOS suppliers who choose not to become accredited at this time, they will need to submit an amended CMS-855S application which reflects their voluntary termination. This will prevent the supplier from being revoked and subsequently barred from the Medicare program

Here is the link to the MLN Matters article [SE0903](#)  .