

## Eli's Rehab Report

### **NEWS BRIEFS :Non-Exempt Suppliers: Jump on the DMEPOS Accreditation Boat**

Physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language pathologists are exempt, but certain other suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies, are running out of time to get accredited, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services warned in an email. Non-exempt suppliers who aren't accredited by Sept. 30 could risk having their Medicare

Part B billing privileges revoked on October 1, 2009, the agency said.

CMS has articles on this subject that outline how to get accredited. To view the article, go to [www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN Matters/Articles/downloads/SE0903.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLN Matters/Articles/downloads/SE0903.pdf).

**Heads up:** It takes on average six to seven months to complete or as long as nine months. Non-exempt suppliers should contact an accreditation organization to get started.

The accreditation requirement applies to non-exempt suppliers of durable medical equipment, medical supplies, home dialysis supplies and equipment, therapeutic shoes, parenteral/enteral nutrition, transfusion medicine and prosthetic devices, and prosthetics and orthotics, CMS specified. Pharmacies, pedorthists, mastectomy fitters, orthopedic fitters/technicians and athletic trainers must also meet the Sept. 30, 2009 deadline for DMEPOS accreditation.

For more information on the DMEPOS accreditation, a list of the accreditation organizations, and exempt professionals, go to [www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProvider-SupEnroll/03\\_DeemedAccreditationOrganizations.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProvider-SupEnroll/03_DeemedAccreditationOrganizations.asp).