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## Urgent Notice to Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies

### *Change in Date of Implementation of the Requirement that Physicians Complete Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and Requirement for Physicians to Complete CMNs for Lymphedema Pumps*

The following are the changes to the date for the implementation of the requirement that physicians complete DME CMNs. These changes affect all suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies in all DMERC regions.

HCFA has extended the deferment of the requirement that physicians complete the medical portion for most DME CMNs. For dates of service prior to October 1, 1995, physicians still must review and sign all CMNs, but do not have to complete the medical portion of the CMN. HCFA is working with physician and supplier associations to develop a process that meets the requirements of the law while keeping burden to a minimum. Effective with the dates of services of October 1, 1995, physicians must complete the medical portion in addition to signing the CMN, unless an alternative process has been selected.

#### Note

This does not apply to the physician completion of CMNs for the following six (6) items:

Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators, powered operated vehicles, air fluidized beds, alternating pressure pads and mattresses, seat lift mechanisms and oxygen (HCFA 484). CMNs for these items will continue to be completed and signed by the physician.

In addition, effective December 1, 1994, physicians will now be required to complete and sign a CMN for lymphedema pumps.

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