

**§418.106(f)(3) Hospices may only contract for durable medical equipment services with a durable medical equipment supplier that meets the Medicare DMEPOS Supplier Quality and Accreditation Standards at 42 CFR §424.57.**

**Interpretive Guidelines §418.106(f)(3)**

DMEPOS is the acronym for Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. All DMEPOS suppliers are required under separate rulemaking to be accredited by September 30, 2009, in order to receive Medicare payment. If a hospice has a contract with a DME supplier (that has a Medicare supplier billing number), the hospice should have a letter in its file from the DME supplier stating that the DME supplier is accredited.

If the hospice contracts with a DME supplier that only serves hospices (therefore no Medicare supplier number), the hospice will still need to have a letter in its file from the DME supplier stating that the DME is accredited.

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