

Diagnosis Code Required for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fiscal Orders

Effective October 1, 2009, a valid diagnosis code is a minimum requirement for all new fiscal orders. Orders written prior to October 1, 2009 without a diagnosis are valid for up to six months after the date written. The diagnosis code on the fiscal order must match a diagnosis code reported on the DMEPOS claim. The practitioner's diagnosis supports the medical necessity for the DMEPOS item ordered.

Electronic Fiscal Orders for DMEPOS

Effective October 1, 2009, an electronically transmitted fiscal order for DMEPOS will be considered an original fiscal order when the following requirements are met:

- The order must originate from the practitioner's computer and must be directly transmitted to the Pharmacy or DME provider's computer or fax.
- The provider is responsible to make a good faith effort to verify the validity of the order and the practitioner's identity.
- Providers are required to maintain and retrieve all electronically transmitted fiscal orders for a period of six (6) years from date of payment.
- Electronic Fiscal Orders are considered Electronic Protected Health Information (EPHI). Covered entities must develop and implement policies and procedures for authorizing EPHI access, storing and its transmission in accordance with the HIPAA Security Rule at §164.308(a)(4) and the HIPAA Privacy Rule at §164.508. It is important that only those workforce members who have been trained and have proper authorization are granted access to EPHI.

Helpful Links and Contacts:

- Information on fiscal order requirements for DMEPOS is located in the DME and Pharmacy Provider Manual Policy Sections at:
<http://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/index.html>
- In addition, refer to updated requirements from July 2008:
http://www.emedny.org/providermanuals/DME/PDFS/Updated_Fiscal_Order_Requirements.pdf
- For information on HIPAA covered entities and EPHI go to
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HIPAAGenInfo/>
- For further questions, call the Division of Provider Relations and Utilization Management at (800) 342-3005 option 1.