

CMS Discontinues Certificates of Medical Necessity and Durable Medical Equipment Information Forms

Physician Preparation Tip Sheet

The AMA has longstanding concerns about the regulatory burdens facing medical practices. Originally, CMS required the Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMNs) and DME Information Forms (DIFs) to help document medical necessity and other coverage criteria for selected DME. Information from these forms is now available either on the claim or in the medical record. This change is a step by the federal government toward reducing regulatory burdens on practices.

CMS is discontinuing CMNs and DIFs effective January 1, 2023, to decrease administrative burden on clinicians. The following forms do not need to be completed for claims with dates of services on or after January 1, 2023:

CMS-484 – Oxygen

CMS-846 – Pneumatic Compression Devices

CMS-847 – Osteogenesis Stimulators

CMS-848 – Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators

CMS-849 – Seat Lift Mechanisms

CMS-854 – Section C Continuation Form

CMS-10125 – External Infusion Pumps

CMS-10126 – Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition

Important Dates

For services on or after January 1, 2023: Do not submit CMN or DIF forms or their electronic claim data elements with the claims or claims will be rejected and returned.

For services before January 1, 2023: Submit CMN and DIF forms or their electronic data elements with the claims if required.

How to prepare

1. Speak with your electronic health record (EHR) and/or practice management (PM) vendor to ensure all areas of the claim form are completed correctly.
2. Verify with your EHR and/or PM vendor that CMN and DIF forms will not be submitted with claims on or after January 1, 2023.
3. Check with your clearinghouse to ensure they will not reject claims on or after January 1, 2023, if they are missing a CMN and DIF form.
4. Be proactive with other insurance payers to verify if CMN and DIF forms are still required and adjust workflow accordingly.
5. Speak with your compliance department (if applicable) about any necessary updates to ordering workflows, templates, forms, etc.

Additional information on this change can be found on the [CMS website](#) or you can reach out to your DME [MAC](#).

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