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Dear Pharmacist and Technicians

## **Re: Diabetic Durable Medical Equipment and Testing Supplies**

Coding changes to allow providers enrolled as both a pharmacy and durable medical equipment (DME) provider to submit claims for diabetic supplies and testing supplies through the pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) system have been implemented. The following items will have the option of being submitted through the pharmacy POS system:

- Insulin syringes
- Alcohol pads
- Lancet device
- Lancets
- Blood Glucose meter
- Blood glucose test strips

While claims for diabetic supplies and testing supplies may be submitted through the pharmacy POS system this is not a pharmacy benefit, it remains a durable medical equipment benefit. As a DME benefit, providers will not be paid a dispensing fee and recipients will not be charged a co-pay for DME claims filed through the pharmacy POS system.

Providers enrolled as both pharmacy and DME providers are not required to submit claims through the POS system; claims for diabetic supplies and testing supplies can still be submitted using the CMS-1500 as they currently are by all DME providers. Please be advised, claims for diabetic testing supplies submitted through the pharmacy POS system will be subject to the standard pharmacy claims adjudication rules including coordination of benefits for all recipients with other pharmacy benefits as well as quantity limits currently established by the durable medical equipment program.

**IMPORTANT:** The pharmacy must also be an enrolled with Alaska Medicaid as a durable medical equipment provider. Additionally, it is the provider's responsibility to ensure they satisfy all state and federal requirements, including Medicare DMEPOS accreditation or have obtained a DMEPOS accreditation exemption, to seek reimbursement for durable medical equipment or supplies from Alaska Medicaid. Additional information regarding Medicare accreditation or accreditation exemption is available at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website, available at [http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/07\\_DMEPOSAccreditation.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/07_DMEPOSAccreditation.asp#TopOfPage).

Please contact me at (907) 334-2425 if you have any questions about this notice.

Sincerely,



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