

Cochlear Americas

Comment: The commenter supported the new checkbox that would allow suppliers to solely enroll as a DMEPOS supplier to participate in Medicaid or other health care programs. Commenters found this option beneficial for suppliers furnishing items such as cochlear implants and contract with Medicaid programs and Medicare Advantage plans that require Medicare fee-for-service enrollment as a prerequisite.

Response: We appreciate this comment. DMEPOS suppliers are still required to meet ALL Medicare enrollment requirements, DMEPOS supplier standards and identify DMEPOS-eligible products and services when selecting the new checkbox. Currently, cochlear implants is not a DMEPOS-eligible product, and applications submitted with this product would be denied.

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Comment: The commenter asked procedural questions regarding when suppliers are required to update their CMS-855S after new products and services are added and how to report products or services provided by mail order.

Response: We appreciate this comment and will be issuing public guidance on this issue.

Comment: The commenter recommended that Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) notices regarding CMS form revisions be communicated via listserv announcements or MLN matters articles. The commenter stated that this would inform stakeholders of the changes and allow an opportunity to provide feedback.

Response: We appreciate your feedback and will take it under advisement as we continue our efforts to improve transparency into the PRA process.