



# INDEPENDENT *Link*

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## All Independent Pharmacists Are Invited to Attend a Discussion on a SOLUTION to Mandatory Medicare Part B Accreditation

— 1.5 FREE CONTACT HOURS IN JACKSON, TENNESSEE —

### Mandatory Accreditation: When Do You Have to Comply?

Presented by Mary Ellen Conway, President, Capital Healthcare Group, LLC

**Thursday, May 29, 2008**

Premier Place Fabulous Catering  
2644 North Highland Avenue, Jackson, TN 38305

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
(Appetizers available at 6 p.m.)

RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 26, 2008: ANGELA REYNOLDS, 731-446-5468

#### Program Learning Objectives

At the completion of this program, the participant will be able to:

1. Describe the connection between an MSA and Competitive Bidding
2. List the requirements regarding accreditation, with regards to products and service area
3. Discuss CMS's Performance Improvement Program requirements
4. Describe how to begin the process



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#### **REMINDER: ALL MEDICARE TRANSACTIONS MUST BE NPI-ONLY BEGINNING MAY 23**

Effective May 23, ALL transactions accepted and sent by Medicare must use ONLY the National Provider Identifier (NPI) in provider identifier fields; transactions using NPI/legacy pairs will be rejected. CMS encourages all pharmacists to assess the readiness of other health plans with which they interact, especially if those health plans may be primary or secondary to Medicare. Providers need to understand from these other plans what will happen if they are unable to send/receive NPI-only transactions as of May 23.

#### **REMINDER: CMEA REQUIRES ANNUAL SELF-CERTIFICATION BY SELLERS OF DRUG PRODUCTS CONTAINING EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, AND PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE**

The federal Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 (CMEA) requires that staff training be completed by "individuals who are responsible for delivering such products into the custody of purchasers or who deal directly with purchasers by obtaining payments for the products." Each year, the seller must submit to the Attorney General a self-certification that all such individuals have undergone training provided by the seller and that the individuals understand the requirements of CMEA. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has provided links to the training program and the self-certification: visit [www.dea.gov/diversion.usdoj.gov/meth/index.html](http://www.dea.gov/diversion/usdoj.gov/meth/index.html) and scroll down to "Required Training and Self-Certification". Two links appear under "Retail Vendors" - one is to the Training Program and one is to the Self-Certification. After clicking on Self-Certification, separate options are available for "New Self-Certification" and for "Re-certify Self-Certification".

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