



CPI/MPIG/DPSE

Accreditation Policy

Accreditation Requirements for Suppliers of the Technical Component of Advanced Imaging

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1. Effective January 1, 2012, all suppliers furnishing the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging services for which payment is made under the outpatient physician fee schedule, shall be accredited by one of the CMS designated accreditation organizations.
2. Advanced imaging is defined as: diagnostic magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography, and nuclear medicine, to include positron emission tomography. X-ray, Mammography, Ultrasound and Fluoroscopy are excluded from these accreditation requirements
3. The accreditation requirements do not affect hospitals.
4. All other suppliers, as stated above, that bill under the outpatient physician fee schedule for such services must be accredited by January 1, 2012
5. The accreditation requirements do not affect any suppliers furnishing and billing Medicare for the professional component (interpreting the image) of advanced imaging.
6. The accreditation requirements affect all outpatient facilities, excluding hospitals or hospital owned mobile units and including but not limited to physician offices, independent diagnostic testing facilities and mobile units.
7. Suppliers utilizing the services of a mobile imaging company but billing Medicare for the technical component must be accredited as the Medicare supplier.