



CPI/MPIG/DPRD

**Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) Accreditation Policy
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PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS**

Policy:

Section 135(a) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) amended the Social Security Act which states in order to furnish the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging services for Medicare beneficiaries, suppliers must be accredited by January 1, 2012. The suppliers described by MIPPA in this section are those for which payment is made under the fee schedule established under section 1848(b) – the physician fee schedule. These suppliers include any physician, non-physician practitioners and independent diagnostic testing facilities.

MIPPA did not give authority to provide a “grace period” for new suppliers or suppliers that were making changes that necessitate additional accreditation decisions. In other words, the statute does not give CMS the authority to continue to pay such suppliers after January 1, 2012 without an active accreditation from one of the designation accreditation organizations.

Medicare will pay for the technical component of covered advanced diagnostic imaging services furnished after January 1, 2012 by any enrolled supplier that has been accredited by a CMS-approved accrediting organization. If such an accredited/enrolled supplier wishes to purchase additional ADI equipment or expand its services by location or modality, that supplier will be given a time frame of 120 days from the date the new location opened and/or the ADI equipment was first utilized to receive an additional accreditation decision with respect to that location or modality. After that period, claims will be denied due to lack of accreditation. Because the statute does not require that the accreditation apply only to a particular location or particular modality, the supplier may be continued to be paid in the interim as long as such supplier continues to maintain its overall accreditation status.

Procedure:

1. The supplier will contact the accrediting organization of all changes in the ADI facility to include, but not limited to: ownership change, address change, new (additional) location(s), new ADI equipment, staffing changes that impact the provision of the technical component of imaging, and any changes required by CFR 42 §410.33, §424.520 and §424.521.

2. The supplier must give its accrediting organization all documentation the accrediting organization deems necessary to ensure the supplier's compliance with the quality standards.
3. The accrediting organization will process the additional materials in accordance with its own policies with respect to additional or updated accreditation requirements.
4. The accrediting organization will provide CMS with the necessary data on their data report inclusive of effective dates.
5. If, during the process of reviewing the new materials, the accreditation organization learns of any policy, procedure or evidence that would lead such organization to believe there could be potential harm, injury, safety hazard or other health and safety issue for patients or staff, the accreditation organization shall immediately notify the supplier and terminate the accreditation of the new facility or modality. The effective date of the accreditation termination shall be the date that the accrediting organization completed its investigation of the issue.