

CMS ACCREDITATION POLICY RELATED TO SUPPLIERS UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF A MOBILE IMAGING COMPANY

DECEMBER 2010 | As part of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), by January 1, 2012 all nonhospital suppliers of the technical component of advanced diagnostic imaging, inclusive of MRI, CT, PET and Nuclear Medicine, must be accredited as a condition for reimbursement. The Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) is recognized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a designated accrediting agency for MIPPA.

On November 17, 2010, CMS released a published accreditation policy providing clarification of the January 1, 2012 mandate, entitled "Accreditation Requirements for Suppliers of the Technical Component of Advanced Imaging." One of the topics addressed within the policy specifically relates to suppliers utilizing the services of a mobile imaging company: "Suppliers utilizing the services of a mobile imaging company but billing Medicare for the technical component must be accredited as the Medicare supplier."

To view the official CMS accreditation requirements, download Accreditation Requirements for Suppliers of the Technical Component of Advanced Imaging at www.intersocietal.org/nuclear/forms/CMS_AccreditationRequirements.pdf.