

## OTHER PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

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### I. ISSUE

How are other providers certified such as ambulance companies, laboratories, pharmacies, etc.?

### II. POLICY

A. Certifying authority. Each contractor is the certifying authority for the following categories of ancillary service or supply providers located within their geographical jurisdiction:

1. Ambulance company
2. Independent laboratory
3. Medical equipment firm
4. Medical supply firm
5. Pharmacy
6. Portable x-ray service

B. Termination notice. The contractor will provide concurrent written notice of the effective date for termination of approved provider status to:

1. The provider affected.
2. The Commanding Officer of the Uniformed Service Medical Treatment Facility (USMTF) catchment area within which the provider is located.
3. The Chief, Program Integrity Branch, TMA.

C. Certification criteria. An ancillary service or supply provider must fully comply with the appropriate criteria set forth in [32 CFR 199.6\(d\)](#), to be considered for certification an authorized provider.

D. A vendor of medical equipment, medical supplies, or other items which are otherwise allowable as a Basic Program or Program for Persons with Disabilities (formerly known as Program for the Handicapped) benefit shall be approved as a medical equipment firm or medical supply firm unless that provider has been specifically excluded as a result of action taken following the provisions of [32 CFR 199.9](#).

1. The types of vendors which may be approved for medical equipment and medical supplies includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Any commissary under the jurisdiction of the Defense Commissary Agency.
- b. Any Post Exchange, Base Exchange, or Station Exchange under the jurisdiction of:
  - (1) The Army/Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) or
  - (2) The Department of the Navy or
  - (3) The United States Marine Corps or
  - (4) The United States Coast Guard.
- c. Any civilian retail store.
- d. Any civilian retail pharmacy.

2. A photocopy of a printed receipt which identifies the vendor as an allowable type of vendor is sufficient evidence of provider status.

E. Ambulance company. An ambulance company may be approved as a provider when:

1. That provider has not been specifically excluded as a result of action taken following the provisions of the [32 CFR 199.9](#), and
2. The company provides:
  - a. A photocopy of the company's current license to provide ambulance services,  
or
  - b. A signed and dated statement on letterhead by an official of the organization operating the ambulance service stating that:
    - (1) There is no license requirement for the operation of an ambulance service within the geographic area served by the ambulance service, or
    - (2) That the organization is exempt from a license requirement for the operation of an ambulance service with an explanation of the legal basis for exemption.

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