

## 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.
7. Mammography suppliers.

B. Vendors of medical equipment, medical supplies, or durable medical equipment which are covered as a Basic Program or **Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)** benefit.

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

- a. Any firm, supplier, or provider that is authorized under Medicare.
- b. Any commissary under the jurisdiction of the Defense Commissary Agency.

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c. 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.

d. Any civilian retail store.

e. 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 **for those listed that are not Medicare-authorized.**

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

1. The company meets the requirements of state and local laws in the jurisdiction in which the ambulance firm is licensed.

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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