Updated Applications Required for Durable Medical Equipment Providers

Based upon the authority granted to the director of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in the *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Section 14043.75(b), the director has established the revised application form requirements set forth below that must be followed by providers who apply to the Medi-Cal program in order to be reimbursed as a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider. This bulletin is a regulation to implement and make specific the W&I Code, Section 14043.26, and has the full force and effect of law beginning May 1, 2014.

On May 1, 2014, the *Medi-Cal Durable Medical Equipment Provider Application* (DHCS 6201) and the *Medi-Cal Pharmacy Provider Application* (DHCS 6205) will include an expanded list of business activities. The expanded list will include the following specific categories:

- 1. Ambulation devices
- 2. Basic rehabilitation equipment
- 3. Basic wheelchairs, modifications and accessories
- 4. Bathroom equipment
- 5. Communication and speech generating devices
- 6. Diabetic supplies and equipment
- 7. Dialysis supplies and equipment
- 8. Hospital beds and accessories; Decubitus care equipment; Wound care; Patient lifts; traction
- 9. Infusion equipment and supplies
- 10. Incontinence medical supplies
- 11. Lactation supplies and equipment
- 12. Non-Surgical electronic devices; Pneumatic compressors and supplies
- 13. Respiratory equipment and supplies
- 14. Specialized rehabilitation equipment
- 15. Specialized wheelchairs, modification and accessories
- Surgical related devices
- 17. Orthotic/Prosthetic appliances (Pharmacy providers only; limited per Provider Manual)
- 18. Prescription drugs (Pharmacy providers only)

Applicants using the revised May 2014 versions of the DHCS 6201 and DHCS 6205 applications are required to complete the business activities list (including the sale, rental and/or lease of the listed items) and to indicate their own business' percentages for each item. Applicants must include zero for non-applicable activities and then must add together all of the percentages. The total percentage of business activities must equal 100 percent.