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Latest Info Update

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Upcoming SCMESA Meeting:

- **February 1st**, Delivery Technician Certification Seminar, Columbia Farmers Mkt. Conference Center, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM,
- **February 7th**, Respiratory Seminar, 6 CEU' for RT's, Columbia Farmers Mkt. Conference Center, 8:30 AM—4:30 PM, Program certified by AARC, Presented by Greg Reppar, Director of Quality Control & Regulatory Affairs, Linde Gas (Registration Forms have been emailed and are available at www.scmesa.com)
- **April 16/17**, SCMESA Annual Meeting & Trade Show, Columbia, SC, Radisson Hotel, I-20 @ Bush River Road

Accreditation Deadline Announced:

CMS has announced that the deadline for completion of accreditation for ALL DME suppliers will be **September 30, 2009**. Suppliers who are enrolled in Medicare Program prior to January 1, 2008, are required to obtain and submit an approved accreditation to the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) by September 30, 2009.

The NSC will revoke a DME supplier billing privileges if an existing DME supplier fails to obtain and submit supporting documentation that the supplier has been accredited by the 9/30/09 deadline.

SCMESA PAC (Political Action Committee):

Newest contributors to our state PAC are: Hawthorne Medical, Home Medical Equipment & Supplies, Pal-Med, and Wannamaker Drugs. Thanks for your support!!

List of All Contributors

Activist: (\$2,000 and up)

Carolina Homecare
Long Term Care

Advocate: (\$1,000-1,999)

Low Country Home Oxygen
Tucker-Wells Medical
Hawthorne Medical

Pal-Med
Wannamaker Drugs

Supportor: (\$500-999)

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National Direct Home Pharmacy
Parrish Home Medical
Home Medical Equipment & Supplies

Reliable Medical Equipment
Sumter Medical Supply
Ft. Mill Pharmacy

Contributor: (\$100-499)

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Advantage Home Medical
Crossway Medical
Orangeburg Pharmacy

Reliable Medical Equipment of SC
Peak Medical Products
P & H Pharmacy

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individuals contributions are allowable for state candidates. Make your checks payable
to SCMESA PAC and mail to P.O. Box 3284, West Columbia, SC 29171*

Senator Graham Fundraiser a Success:

On November 28, SCMESA member Wim Kellett hosted a fundraiser at his home in Mt. Pleasant for U.S.Senator Lindsay Graham. In the very short time of approximately 3 weeks, SCMESA members responded with a total of \$27, 560 for the re-election campaign for Senator Graham. Senator Graham attended and was very responsive to our request for his assistance in Congress to delay or eliminate any additional cuts to DME. Through his efforts and others in the Senate and House, any additional cuts were eliminated in the Omnibus Appropriations bill that passed the Senate and House in late December. However, the issue is expected to back on the table for debate in late June, 2008. As one SCMESA put it “you need to get involved in politics that affect your business or consider getting out of the business”. A sincere thanks to all who participated..and thanks to Wim Kellett for organizing this effort.

SCMESA will be partially sponsoring 2 members from each Congressional District in South Carolina to attend the AAHC Fly-in on March 4/5/6, 2008 to meet with

each of our Congressman and U.S. Senators to keep the pressure on for relief from additional cuts in Medicare reimbursements.

CMS Open Door Forum:

The next CME Open Door Forum for Home Health, Hospice and DME is scheduled for January 9th, 2008 beginning at 2:00 PM (EST). To participate by phone, dial 1-800-837-1935 and reference I.D. 18789483.

SCMESA Dues Change:

The SCMESA Board of Directors recently approved a change in the dues structure of SCMESA membership beginning with the 2008 dues billings. The category of Affiliate members was eliminated and dues billings will be structured according to the annual revenues of your company. These changes were approved by the Board after considerable research of other state DME organizations around the U.S. Our Membership dues have not been increased in 14 years. In addition, the Board discussed and approved ways to increase the value of membership in SCMESA. A cover letter accompanying your dues statement will explain these improvements.

The leadership of SCMESA is committed to making this organization a very valuable tool serving the DME industry in South Carolina. **Your continued support and involvement is essential in this effort!**

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