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## NABP Streamlines Accreditation through Automated Field Surveys

With Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' October 2009 durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) accreditation deadline fast approaching, the quantity of required field surveys that NABP must perform remains steady. To assist in meeting the demand for field surveys, NABP made the official switch from a manual reporting process to the SansWrite Form Inspection and Development Software in March 2009. This advanced soft-

ware has assisted NABP in automating field surveys of those facilities seeking DMEPOS accreditation. In addition, the software promotes a standardized process for creating, managing, and accessing report data.

SansWrite expedites the field survey process by eliminating extra steps and unnecessary duplication. With this implementation, processes have been condensed significantly. In some instances, surveyors are also utilizing tablet PCs during surveys in addition to

the SansWrite software. These paperless mobile inspection tools further expedite the survey process, allowing surveyors to immediately input inspection data while on site. The PCs accept the data through recognition technology and touch-screen options, as well as through use of the traditional keyboard.

NABP also plans to automate field surveys for the Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors® program during third quarter 2009. 



### Newly Accredited DMEPOS Facilities

The following facilities were accredited through the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) program:

**63<sup>rd</sup> Drive Pharmacy Corp  
dba K.S. Pharmacy**  
Rego Park, NY  
Accredited March 20, 2009

**Albertsons LLC 246 Stores**  
Boise, ID  
Accredited April 20, 2009

**Blank's Pharmacy, Inc**  
Covington, KY  
Accredited March 24, 2009


**Eagle Drugs Pharmacy**  
Southgate, MI  
Accredited March 20, 2009

**Fox Drug of Torrance**  
Torrance, CA  
Accredited March 20, 2009

**Gabecare DirectRx**  
Troy, MI  
Accredited April 20, 2009

**R&R HealthCare**  
Dallas, TX  
Accredited March 20, 2009

**Robert Jacobson Pharmacy**  
Yonkers, NY  
Accredited April 20, 2009

A full listing of accredited DMEPOS facilities is available on the NABP Web site at [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net). 

### Computerized FPGEE Administration

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dates for licensure in the United States. The FPGEE is one component of this program. To qualify for the FPGEE certification program, candidates are required to submit proper documentation from educational or licensure

institutions that present their educational backgrounds and licensure and/or registration to practice pharmacy.

In addition, candidates must also pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language™ (TOEFL®) and the Test of Spoken English™, or the TOEFL Internet-based Test, which are administered by Educational Testing Service. The FPGEE certifi-

cate allows foreign graduates to partially fulfill eligibility requirements for licensure in the 50 United States, Guam, and the District of Columbia where the certification is recognized.

To prepare for the FPGEE, NABP recommends that candidates take the Pre-FPGEE®, the only FPGEE practice examination written and developed

by NABP. This practice examination is designed to help familiarize applicants with the FPGEE by exhibiting the types of questions provided on the actual examination as well as providing a score estimate.

Additional information on the FPGEE as well as the Pre-FPGEE is available at [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net). 