

State: Arkansas **Filing Company:** Companion Life Insurance Company
TOI/Sub-TOI: H21 Health - Other/H21.000 Health - Other
Product Name: HOAS02OT12
Project Name/Number: HOAS02OT12/AR002240100001

Filing at a Glance

Company: Companion Life Insurance Company
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TOI: H21 Health - Other
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Filing Type: Form
Date Submitted: 11/13/2012
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Implementation: 11/13/2012
Date Requested:
Author(s): SPI CompanionLife
Reviewer(s): Rosalind Minor (primary)
Disposition Date: 11/14/2012
Disposition Status: Approved-Closed
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General Information

Project Name: HOAS02OT12	Status of Filing in Domicile: Not Filed
Project Number: AR002240100001	Date Approved in Domicile:
Requested Filing Mode: Informational	Domicile Status Comments:
Explanation for Combination/Other:	Market Type: Group
Submission Type: New Submission	Group Market Size: Large
Group Market Type: Association	Overall Rate Impact:
Filing Status Changed: 11/14/2012	Deemer Date:
State Status Changed: 11/14/2012	Submitted By: SPI CompanionLife
Created By: SPI CompanionLife	
Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:	
PPACA: Not PPACA-Related	
PPACA Notes: null	
Include Exchange Intentions:	No

Filing Description:

Companion Life Insurance Company hereby submits the required information for the Medical Equipment Suppliers Association, Inc., to be approved as an acceptable association in your state. This association will be offering various insurance products which we have approved in your state.

Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

Vivian Frederic, Contracts Compliance Specialist	vivian.frederic@companiongroup.com
7909 Parklane Rd	803-735-1251 [Phone] 46777 [Ext]
Columbia, SC 29223-5666	800-836-5433 [FAX]

Filing Company Information

Companion Life Insurance Company	CoCode: 77828	State of Domicile: South Carolina
7909 Parklane Rd, Suite 200	Group Code: 661	Company Type:
Columbia, SC 29223-5666	Group Name: Companion Life Insurance Company	State ID Number:
(803) 735-1251 ext. [Phone]	FEIN Number: 57-0523959	

Filing Fees

Fee Required?	Yes
Fee Amount:	\$50.00
Retaliatory?	No
Fee Explanation:	
Per Company:	No

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Company	Amount	Date Processed	Transaction #
Companion Life Insurance Company	\$50.00	11/13/2012	64860672

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Correspondence Summary

Dispositions

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Approved-Closed	Rosalind Minor	11/14/2012	11/14/2012

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HHS Status: Not Reported

State Review: Reviewed-No Actuary

Comment:

Rate data does NOT apply to filing.

Schedule	Schedule Item	Schedule Item Status	Public Access
Supporting Document	Flesch Certification	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	Application	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	Health - Actuarial Justification	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	Outline of Coverage	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	PPACA Uniform Compliance Summary	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	By-Laws	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	Articles of Incorporation	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	Arkansas Questionnaire	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	Brochure of Benefits	Approved-Closed	Yes
Supporting Document	List of Dues Paying Members	Approved-Closed	No
Supporting Document	Financial Statement	Approved-Closed	No

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Supporting Document Schedules

		Item Status:	Status Date:
Bypassed - Item:	Flesch Certification	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
Bypass Reason:	Not applicable		
		Item Status:	Status Date:
Bypassed - Item:	Application	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
Bypass Reason:	Not applicable		
		Item Status:	Status Date:
Bypassed - Item:	Health - Actuarial Justification	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
Bypass Reason:	Not applicable		
		Item Status:	Status Date:
Bypassed - Item:	Outline of Coverage	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
Bypass Reason:	Not applicable		
		Item Status:	Status Date:
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Satisfied - Item:	By-Laws	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
Comments:			
Attachment(s):			
Bylaws.PDF			
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Satisfied - Item:	Articles of Incorporation	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
Comments:			
Attachment(s):			

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MESA Articles of Incorporation.PDF

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Satisfied - Item:	Arkansas Questionnaire	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
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Satisfied - Item:	Brochure of Benefits	Approved-Closed	11/14/2012
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Attachment(s):	BROCHURE FOR EMAILS PDF.PDF		

Medical Equipment Suppliers Association
Bylaws--Adopted July 7, 2000/Amended November 2004

Article I---Name and Principal Office

Section 1: The name of the association shall be Medical Equipment Suppliers Association, Inc. (MESA)

Section 2: These Bylaws constitute the code of rules adopted by the association for the regulation and management of its affairs.

Section 3: The principal office of the association shall be located wherever a majority vote of the Board of Directors deems suitable, as long as members can be served efficiently and cost-effectively from that location. In addition, the association may maintain other offices as its business requires.

Article II---Purpose:

Section 1: The purpose of the association shall be:

To establish the best interest of the membership through an interchange of ideas by seminars, conventions and regular meetings of the members; conveying timely industry-related information; providing a liaison w/federal and state government concerning home medical equipment, supplies and services; and other purposes.

Section 2: The association shall serve members doing business in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico Oklahoma and Texas, as well as members from other states who have an interest in those four states, or who do business where there is no state association in place.

Article III--- Membership:

Section 1: Membership in the association shall be limited to: i) sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations or other legally recognized business entities that operate one or more locations and conduct business within the geographic boundaries of the association, except as stipulated otherwise herein; ii) are engaged in the sale, rental or distribution of any type of durable home medical equipment and/or supplies; or iii) are engaged in the sale or supply of products and/or services to the Durable Medical Equipment Industry. The membership application and review process shall be conducted in accordance with processes approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Certificates of Membership:

Certificates evidencing membership may be issued by the Corporation when a member joins and may be re-issued each year, on renewal of membership.

Section 3: Categories and Benefits of Membership:

- 1) Regular Members: Shall be those companies that have paid dues as established by the Board of Directors and that operate as a corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship doing business in one or more locations and that are active in the sale, rental or distribution of durable home medical equipment, medical gases and associated supplies for the direct consumption or utilization by the patient in the home. Regular members may enroll branch locations, but the regular member will be limited to one vote.
- 2) Honorary Members: Shall be persons who have: i) faithfully served the association as representatives of Regular or Associate Members and ii) been nominated by one or more members of the association; and who are no longer qualified to serve as a Regular or Associate Member representative due to retirement or departure from the durable Medical Equipment Industry. An Honorary member shall have the same privileges and duties as any other member representative except that he or she may not vote nor hold elective office. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay membership dues.

- 3) Associate Members:
Shall be those companies that: i) have paid dues as established by the Board of Directors; ii) are manufacturers of suppliers of products, services or supplies to Regular Members; iii) and do not qualify as Regular Members. Associate Members shall hold the same privileges and duties as Regular Members except their representative on the Board of Directors may not vote or hold elective office.
- 4) Life Members:
A Life Membership may be bestowed on any regular member that has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the organization. Life members will pay no dues.

Section 4: Membership Dues:

Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. Membership shall be subject to renewal and dues to be paid on the anniversary date of a member's joining the association.

Section 5: Expulsion and Suspension

- 1) Any member of the association may be suspended or expelled for misconduct in its relations (or those of its representatives) to the association upon due investigation thereof as provided herein
- 2) Any member of the association may be suspended or expelled for conduct involving moral turpitude in its relationships (or those of its representatives) and dealings with the public,
- 3) Any member of the association may be suspended or expelled if said member has come under felony charges and/or conviction of a felony related to the business of retail, wholesale, rental or distribution of medical equipment, products, services or supplies for use in the care and treatment of patients.
- 4) Any member of the association may be suspended or expelled by the majority vote of the Board of Directors upon exclusion by the Department of Health and Human Services, CMS and/or AHCA from participation in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.
- 5) No member may be suspended or expelled until written charges have been filed against it by the Board of Directors or ten (10) other members of the association. After such written charges are filed, the President of the Board of the association shall report such charges to an investigative committee appointed by the President, which shall investigate such charges and report its findings to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall give the accused, or its representative, a reasonable opportunity to respond to and rebut such charges. After review of the charges, the report of the investigative committee, and any response by the accused the Board of Directors may act either to suspend or expel the member or to find the accusations without merit and drop the charges.

Article IV--- Meetings and Voting:

Section 1: Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting of the association shall be held in conjunction with the association's Fall Conference each year, at a place designated by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. An election by electronic means may be conducted in lieu of an Annual Meeting.

Section 2: Special Meetings:

Special meetings of the membership of the association may be called at any time by the President or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. either by vote or in writing. Upon written request by a majority of all members to the Secretary/Treasurer it shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to call a meeting of the members. No business other than that stated in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members, however called. Special meetings of the members shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. Special meetings also may be called in accordance with applicable provisions of law.

Section 3: Notice of Meetings:
Not fewer than ten (10) days prior to every annual meeting and of every special meeting of the members, notice shall be given to each member in good standing whose name appears as a matter of record upon the books of the association at the close of business on the date fixed by the Board of Directors for the determination of members entitled to notice of such meeting in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws. Such notices of the annual meeting or special meetings shall state the place, day, and hour of such meeting, and in the case of special meetings, shall also state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Notices shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail and addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the association, with postage prepaid.

Section 4: Voting:
At every meeting of the membership, each Regular member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The vote may be cast only by the designated representative of the member. When directed by the Board of Directors, votes of the membership may be taken between meetings by written ballot circulated to eligible voters via USPS, fax or email and returned by the same method or the voting member's method of choice; eligibility to cast ballots shall be the same as for voting conducted during regular or special meetings of the membership.

Section 5: Quorum:
A majority of votes cast, either in person or by written or e-mail ballot, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or as otherwise stipulated by law.

Article V---Governance, Management and Officers:

Section 1: Governance:

The governance of the association shall be vested in a Board of Directors, who shall serve without compensation. The Board of Directors shall consist of three Officers and no more than nine (9) additional directors, including the Immediate Past President and eight (8) at-large directors.

Section 2: Board Meetings:

The Board shall meet a minimum of two (2) times per year, in person. These meetings shall coincide with the two major educational conferences conducted by the association, currently the All-Star Conference, usually held in early Spring; and the Fall Conference, usually in September. In addition, the Board shall meet two (2) other times per year, either in person, at its discretion; or via conference call or teleconference over the Internet or via e-mail.

Section 3: Officers:

The voting Officers of the association, who shall also be members of the Board of Directors, shall be a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, an Executive Director shall serve as an officer in an ex-officio capacity without vote. The Officers, with the exception of the Executive Director, shall be elected annually by the membership. The Executive Director shall be employed by the Board of Directors. Each voting Officer shall hold office for a term of one year, and thereafter until his successor is elected and qualified or until his death, resignation, or removal. No Officer may hold the same office for more than two consecutive full terms, plus any partial term for which an Officer is filling the un-expired portion of a person previously holding the same office.

- 1) The President shall be the chief elected officer of the association. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the members and directors; have all the powers normally vested in the chief elected officer of an association; have authority to sign and execute, in the name of the association, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments; annually prepare, or cause to be prepared, a full and true statement of the affairs of the association, including all appropriate financial reports. The President may vote only in instances where it is necessary to break a tie vote of the Board of Directors.

- 2) The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have the power of the President. The Vice President shall not automatically become President upon completion of his or her term in that role, but must be elected to that or any other office by his or her own right.
- 3) The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, the minutes of the meetings of members, of the Board of Directors, and of the Executive Committee. He shall supervise the management of all funds, securities, and receipts and disbursements of the association and shall periodically report, or cause to be reported, as directed by the Board of Directors, on the financial status of the association. He shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws or as required by law; he shall perform all other duties that may be, from time to time, assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Executive Director:

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Director. The Board of Directors shall fix compensation and prescribe the duties for the Executive Director. Instead of directly employing an individual to serve as Director, the Board of Directors may engage the services of an association management firm, which will appoint one of its staff to serve as the association's Executive Director.

Section 5: Directors:

The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) directors, eight (8) of whom shall be elected at-large by the membership of the association and one of whom will be the Immediate Past President, who shall serve as a voting ex-officio member.

Section 6: Duties of Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors shall supervise, control and direct the affairs of the association and shall establish policies and programs, adopt budgets, approve disbursements of funds, set dues, establish fees, and use its best efforts to promote the purpose and objectives of the association.

Section 7: Election of Officers and Directors:

The Board of Directors shall be elected from among the Regular Members of the association in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article IV. Eight of the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected from among the Regular members of the association in accordance with Article IV. A ninth shall be elected from among the Associate members of the association in accordance with Article IV. This Associate Director will be a non-voting member of the Board. One year of service on the Board of Directors is recommended before a Director may seek election as an Officer; however a Director with less than one year of service may be appointed to complete the term of an office vacated due to emergency or other extenuating circumstances. Should that person wish to continue in that or any office during the following fiscal year, he or she would be required to stand for election to that office.

Section 8: Terms of Office:

Each of the eight at-large Directors shall serve a staggered two-year term, with half of them being elected annually, except when a Director's seat is vacated when that Director is elected as an Officer and must be replaced. The individual elected to replace that Director will serve the balance of that Director's term, then be eligible to stand for election to a two-year term in his or her own right, and may serve two full two-year terms thereafter.

Removal from Office:

Section 9: The Board of Directors shall have power at any regular or special meeting to remove an officer or director with cause, by majority vote, and such action shall be conclusive on the officer or director so removed.

Article VI---Committees:

Section 1: Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past President. The Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, without vote. The President shall chair the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall function as an advisory committee to the Board of Directors and shall, in extraordinary and emergency circumstances, act for the Board of Directors between regular and special meetings. The Executive Committee shall also function as a finance committee unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. All actions taken by the Executive Committee are subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2: Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee, which shall consist of the Immediate Past President, the President, and at least one representative from each of the four states identified as the association's core service area, shall annually nominate a slate of officers and directors. Such slate of nominees shall be presented to the Regular Members of the association for vote, in accordance with procedures described in Article IV, Section 4, and as established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Special Committees:

The President may appoint Special Committees or task forces to accomplish specific objectives. Such Special Committees or task forces shall exist for a specified period of time, or until their tasks are complete, whichever occurs first.

Article VI--- Parliamentary Authority:

Section 1: Robert`s Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable. In the event there is a conflict between these bylaws and Robert`s Rules of Order, these bylaws shall govern.

Article VII---Indemnification:

Section 1: The association shall indemnify the officers, directors, former directors, and all other persons serving the association in any official capacity to the full extent permitted by applicable laws, provided however that the association shall not, to the extent provided in applicable laws, indemnify any person who is found liable for willful or intentional misconduct.

Article VIII---Fiscal Year:

Section 1: The fiscal year of the association shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Article IX--- Meaning of Terms:

Section 1: Words used in these bylaws in the masculine gender refer to the feminine gender and vice versa.

Article XI--- Amendments:

Section 1: These bylaws may be amendable by the personal, mail, or electronic vote of two-thirds of the voting Regular members who return their ballots by the deadline date. Any proposed amendment to these bylaws must be approved by the Board of Directors before being submitted to the Regular Membership for a vote.



MESA Executive Director / July 30, 2012

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of the
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE ONE

The name of this corporation is MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE THREE

The duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE FOUR

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

to promote, develop, and maintain the efficacy and efficiency of competent management in the Durable Medical Equipment Industry through all lawful means.

ARTICLE FIVE

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is:

2695 Villa Creek Drive, Suite 260, Dallas, Texas 75234, and the name of its initial Registered Agent at such address is: John S. Swinburn, CAE.

ARTICLE SIX

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is five and the names and address of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

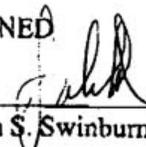
<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Alan Decker	2417 N. Van Buren, Enid, OK 73703
Mark Benedict	1720 Hillcrest Drive, Vernon, TX 76384
Jeff M. Wills	P.O. Box 550, El Reno, OK 73036
Renee R. Myers	999 South Falls Blvd., Wynne, AR 72396
Harvey Mitchell	5519 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71303

ARTICLE SEVEN

The name and street address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
John S. Swinburn, CAE	2695 Villa Creek Drive, Suite 260, Dallas, TX75234

SIGNED

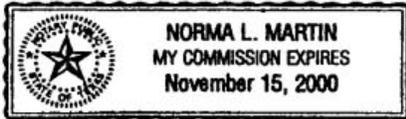


 John S. Swinburn, CAE, Incorporator

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
 COUNTY OF DALLAS §

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared JOHN S. SWINBURN known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, severally declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 5th day of JUNE, 2000.



Norma L. Martin
 Notary Public, State of Texas
NORMA L. MARTIN
 Printed Name
 My commission expires: _____

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The State of Texas
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
CHARTER NUMBER 01585563

THE UNDERSIGNED, AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,
HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THE ATTACHED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE
ABOVE NAMED CORPORATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE AND ARE
FOUND TO CONFORM TO LAW.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS SECRETARY OF STATE, AND BY VIRTUE
OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE SECRETARY BY LAW, HEREBY ISSUES THIS
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE
THE USE OF A CORPORATE NAME IN THIS STATE IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF
ANOTHER UNDER THE FEDERAL TRADEMARK ACT OF 1946, THE TEXAS TRADEMARK LAW,
THE ASSUMED BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL NAME ACT OR THE COMMON LAW.

DATED JUNE 7, 2000

EFFECTIVE JUNE 7, 2000



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eilon Bomer".

Eilon Bomer, Secretary of State



Arkansas Insurance Department

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Association Requirements

Before issuing a group accident and health insurance policy to an association, the association or its insurer on behalf of the association, must file with the Department proof that the association is a qualified group under Arkansas Code Annotated § 23-86-106(2)(A)(i)(ii)(iii). Approval of the association as a qualified group for insurance purposes will be determined upon receipt of the following information:

1. Name and address of the association.
Medical Equipment Suppliers Association, Inc., 509 S. Chickasaw Trail, #178, Orlando, FL 32825
2. Is this association incorporated? If so, give state of incorporation.
Texas
3. Is there a current office in Arkansas?
No
4. Does the Arkansas part of the organization have any officers, committees, or chapters? If so, give details. Renee R. Myers, 999 South Falls, Blvd., Wynne, AR 72396
5. Are annual dues charged? If so, specify amount.
Yes. \$25.00
6. What are the specific activities of the association?
Promote, develop & maintain the efficiency of competent management in the Durable Medical Equipment industry through lawful means and to provide information, education and training for member companies.
7. What benefits are provided to the members in addition to insurance? ATTACH BROCHURES ON THE ASSOCIATION WHICH OUTLINES THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.
See attached brochure for list of benefits.
8. What qualifies an individual for membership? Recognized as an entity that operates within the geographic boundaries of the assoc. that are engaged in the sales, rental or distribution of any type of durable home medical equipment and/or supplies
9. How are members recruited? If by mailing list, advise the source of this list.
Industry shows, workshops, supplier conferences, website.
10. Attach a copy of the association's Articles of Incorporation and By Laws.
See attached documents for Articles of Incorporation and ByLaws
11. Enclose a list of dues paying members residing in Arkansas with full addresses. If the association considers this privileged information, we will treat it as such and once it has served our purpose, it will be destroyed. See the attached - this information is privileged. Please destroy once it is no longer needed.
12. Please attach a copy of the associations most recent financial statement.
See the attached - confidential information.
13. Does the association receive any compensation of any kind from the insurer issuing contracts to its members? No

For more information, contact Rosalind Minor at (501) 371-2800 or via email by clicking [here](#).



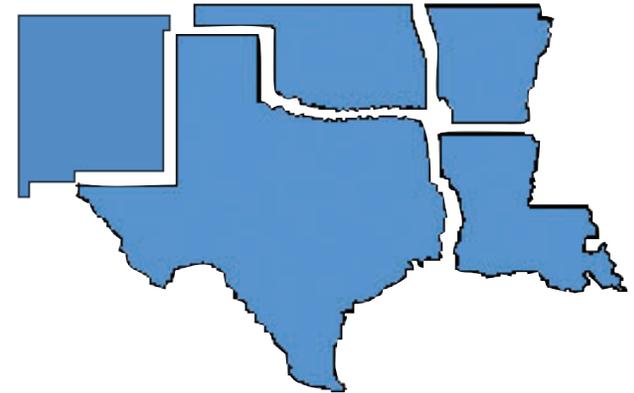
Code of Ethics

Once accepted into membership, MESA members subscribe to this Code of Ethics, and agree to:

1. Endeavor to maintain dignity of manner in both their own and their staffs' behavior, and in the presentation of their service in all forms of public contact.
2. Observe the highest standards of honesty and integrity in all business transactions, avoiding the use of false, confusing, inaccurate or misleading statements, descriptions and claims.
3. Abide by all government regulations regarding the home medical equipment industry.
4. Provide equipment of quality and durability, striving to provide the best possible service.
5. Display a friendly spirit of cooperation to their fellow members and to assist them professionally whenever requested.
6. Avoid, at all times, the use of unfair competitive practices, including but not limited to payment of referral fees, offering free goods or any type of inducement.
7. Constantly strive to elevate and maintain the professional standards of the industry.
8. Provide the services in which their staffs and they are duly qualified and not exceed their qualifications for such professional services.
9. Recognize the authority of the association in all matters relating to its function and its interpretation of this Code, in accordance with its Bylaws and general rules.

MESA

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Casselberry, FL 32707
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A non-profit organization, providing information, education and legislative efforts for member companies in the HME industry in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas



MESA Member Benefits Include:

- Industry Leadership
- State and Federal Legislative Updates and Alerts
- Pro-active Efforts with Government and Regulatory Agencies
- Two Industry Conferences per Year
- Continuing Education & Training Seminars
- Lower, Member Registration Fees for Events
- Free Legal Consultation
- Access to Reference Materials/Library
- The Provider Press Bi-monthly Newsletter
- MESA Memos
(e-mail updates, when appropriate and timely)
- The "MESA Minute"
(an email newsletter, when too much information for "regular" email and it isn't "time" for a regular issue of The Provider Press)
- Networking/Peer Support and Assistance

MESA is a member of the Region C Council and of AAHomecare. MESA also receives regular updates from VGM. These resources keep your association—and you—current on new and pending legislation, lobbying efforts and calls to action on issues that can affect how you do business and your bottom line.

Use the application at right to join MESA now, and start enjoying these benefits right away!



• Membership Application •

By applying for membership in the Medical Equipment Suppliers Association, I agree to abide by all policies, Bylaws and the Code of Ethics of the organization. Further, I permit MESA to send me e-mails and faxes with MESA-related news and information.

Company & Contact Information

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Web Site URL: _____

How many employees? _____ Accredited? __ Yes __ No If yes, by which accreditor? _____

Primary Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Direct Phone/Extension: _____ E-mail: _____
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Additional Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Direct Phone/Extension: _____ E-mail: _____
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Member Type:

(Regular Members are typically medical equipment dealers.
Associate Members are typically suppliers of goods and services to medical equipment dealers.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Billing Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Chain | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer's Rep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Chain | <input type="checkbox"/> Software |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital-Based | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Company Profile (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HME | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory | <input type="checkbox"/> Infusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rehab | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthotics & Prosthetics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ostomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

I would like to serve on the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> State Issues |

Dues Investment:

Membership becomes effective upon payment of annual dues of \$250.00, renewable on anniversary date in subsequent years. Contributions or gifts to MESA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, dues payments may be deductible as an ordinary business expense. Under the 1993 tax act, expenditures for federal legislative lobbying are no longer deductible as a business expense. MESA estimates that 10% of the dues payments for this year will be used for lobbying as defined in the act. Therefore, 10% of your dues payments will not be deductible.

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Check # _____ AmEx MasterCard VISA Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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