ALABAMA BOARD OF HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR STATE LICENSURE APPLICATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YOU MAY BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH MEDICARE REQUIREMENTS. The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment was created by Act #2000-419. Effective August 1, 2000, the Board is authorized to provide for the licensure and regulation of Home Medical Equipment; to prohibit the un-licensed practice of providing home medical equipment services; and to provide penalties for violations. Specifically, pursuant to the Home Medical Equipment Act, "An entity or person found providing home medical equipment services without a license as required by this act shall be subject to an administrative fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day that services were provided without a license." Also, Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross & Blue Shield could be notified of same and your provider number suspended.

Accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Community Health Accreditation Program, or other accrediting entities shall not be substituted for the compliance with this act.

General Statement: The Board desires to provide courteous and timely service to all applicants. To maximize its efficiency and the level of service, the Board will process complete applications only. Incomplete applications will be returned to you. Read all instructions carefully. The Board will not act as your agent in gathering information or supporting documents necessary for the consideration of your application. Make all checks payable to the Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment Services Providers and send to P.O. Box 240636; Montgomery, AL 36124-0636.

Application Instructions: Applications must be typewritten or printed in ink and must be legible. Complete the entire application. **Leave no space blank.** If a particular question or request for information does not apply to you, put a short line of N/A in the blank space or cross out the entire section to indicate the question(s) or section has received your attention. Failure to supply necessary information may result in denial of the application. If the answer to any of the attached questions is "Yes", you must enclose with this application complete information with respect to all circumstances and the final result, if such has been reached. A "Yes" answer does not necessarily mean the applicant will not be granted a license. However, additional documentation may be requested by the Board if the information submitted is insufficient.

NOTE: A license is required for each physical location and not per business. Location on this application must be disability accessible.

APPLICATION FOR HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LICENSE

LICENSE Type of Application (please check one): □ New □ Business Name Change (EIN Change) Applicant Information Legal Business Name: (D.B.A., Trade, or Business Name) Street Address: City, State, Zip Code: _____ Phone: (______ FAX: (____)_____ E-mail Address: Preferred Mailing Address (for mailing purposes only): City, State, Zip Code: FEIN# or SS#: _____ Date Business Started: __/__/___ ☐ Yes ☐ No Are patient records stored at this location? If "No", where are they kept? ______ **Business License Information** Issued By (City): _____ License Number: _____ Effective Date: / / Renewal Date: / / ATTACH A COPY OF EACH REQUIRED FEDERAL, STATE, AND/OR LOCAL AUTHORITY COUNTY/CITY BUSINESS LICENSE OR REGISTRATION. IF NO LOCAL LICENSE REQUIRED. YOU MUST ATTACH A LETTER FROM THE OFFICIAL OFFICE STATING SAME. Type of Business Joint Venture Sole Proprietor Partnership Business Corporation Limited Liability Corporation Other: _____ **Equipment Categories** General HME (canes, crutches, walkers, commodes, etc.) Oxygen & Respiratory Hospital Beds & Accessories П Wheelchair, Mobility Equipment & Accessories Stair Lifts or Platform Lifts Other: Do you deliver, install, and maintain the equipment and/or instruct the consumer on the proper use of the equipment once delivered?

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person in charge, or any partner or shareholder having an ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or other business entity. For each entity/person with any ownership interest in applicant, copy this page and complete in its entirety for each Legal Business Name: D/B/A name: Your Name: Title: check this box if this individual is to be designated as the Person in Charge on the license Home Address: City, State, Zip Code: Home Phone #: (____)_____ SSN: _____ Date of Birth: / / Birth State: Birth County: Parent/Home Office Information (If applicable) CEO: City, State, Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____ FAX #: ____ E-Mail: _____ FEIN#: _____ Your Affiliation: ☐ Joint Venture/Partnership ☐ Wholly Owned ☐ Managed ⊔ Subsidia □ Leased Subsidiary Operated ☐ Other: Check if this entity/owner has **EVER** had any of the following adverse actions imposed by the Medicare, Medicaid, or any other federal agency program. For each box checked, include the date the adverse legal action was imposed. Check all that apply or the "none of these" box. Attach copies of adverse legal action notification. □ Administrative Sanctions(s) ___/___□ Criminal Fines ___/__/_ □ Program Exclusion(s) __/__/ □ Restitution Order(s) __/_/ □ Suspension of Payment(s) __/_/ □ Pending Civil Judgments(s) __/__/ ☐ Civil Monetary Penalty(s) ___/__/ ☐ Pending CriminalJudgments(s)___/__/ □ Assessment(s) __/_/ □ □ □ Judgments(s) Pending False □ None of These □ Claims Act / / Claims Act ___/__/_ Does this entity/owner have any outstanding criminal fines? ☐ Yes ☐ No Does this entity/owner have any outstanding restitution orders? ☐ Yes ☐ No Has this entity/owner ever been convicted of any health care related crimes? □ Yes □ No Has this entity/owner ever been convicted of a felony under Federal or State law? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are vou a citizen of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a Military Spouse? □ Yes □ No

Applicant Information (Applicant means an individual applicant in the case of sole proprietorship, or any officer, director, agent, managing employee, general manager, or

Statement to the Board (This section must also be copied and completed for each individual involved in this company) Administrative Code of Alabama CHAPTER 473-X-1-(1) Applicant means an individual applicant in the case of a sole proprietorship, or any officer, director, agent, managing employee, general manager, or person in charge, or any partner or shareholder having an ownership interest in the corporation, partnership, or other business entity. being first duly sworn declare under penalty of perjury as follows: I am the applicant described and identified in this application for licensure in the State of Alabama. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application and its supporting document(s) is truthful, correct, and complete; and discloses all material facts regarding the applicant and associated individuals necessary to properly evaluate the applicant's qualifications for licensure. I will ensure that any information subsequently submitted to the Board in conjunction with this application or its supporting documents meets the same standards as set forth above. I understand that it is unlawful and punishable as a Class A misdemeanor to apply for or obtain a license or otherwise deal with the Board through the use of fraud, forgery, or intentional deception, misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission. I understand that this application will be classified as a public record and will be available for the inspection by the public, except with regard to the release of information which is classified as controller, private, or protected under the Government Records Access and Management Act or restricted by other law. Has the applicant ever been convicted of any health related crime? □ Yes Has the applicant ever been convicted of a felony under Federal or State Law? □ Yes □ No Has any family or household member of the applicant ever been convicted, assessed, or excluded from the Medicare or Medicaid program due to fraud,

obstruction or an investigation, filing of false claims, or providing false

□ No

information? ☐ Yes

I,						
Signature of Applicant	Date of Signature					
Subscribed and Sworn to before me this	day of, 20)				
Signature of Notary Public	Printed Name of Notary Public					
My Commission Expires	(SEAL)					

Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment Services Providers Proof of Citizenship (POC) Form - for Initial HME License

Instructions:

- This form is to be completed by applicants for licensure in order to comply with Ala. Code § 31-13-7 (1975 as amended).
- This form must be completed by each individual affiliated with the ownership of the company and by the applicant (if other than an owner of the company). Copies of this form may be made as
- Please mail this completed form with a copy of the required documentation proving citizenship or

	240636, Montgomery, AL 36124-0636. Do not send originals or faxes of citizenship/legal presence documents.
	Name (Please Print): Permit #:
Γrack I:	Please complete this section if you are a United States Citizen. Check all that apply below:
0	I am a United States Citizen. I am submitting the attached COPY of my document to prove
	citizenship/legal presence:
	Please check and submit one of the following:
0	Alabama Driver's License or Identification issued by the Department of Public Safety
0	Driver's License from other state that required proof of lawful presence
0	Birth Certificate indicating U.S. Birth
0	Valid U.S. Passport
0	Military Identification showing U.S. place of Birth
0	Naturalization documents
0	Certificate of Citizenship
0	Consular report of birth abroad of U.S. Citizen
0	Bureau of Indian Affairs Identification
0	American Indian Card issued by Homeland Security
0	Final adoption decree showing person's name and place of U.S. Birth
0	A valid Uniformed Services Privileges and Identification Card
0	Extract from a United States hospital record of birth created at the time of the person's birth
	indicating the place of birth in the United States
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hereby	declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America. <u>I sign this declaration under penalty of</u>
	making a false or fictitious statement or representation in this declaration is perjury in the second
degree,	pursuant to Ala. Code § 13A-10-102.
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	Track II: Please complete this section of you are not a United States Citizen. Check all that apply below:
0	I am not a United States Citizen. I am submitting the attached COPY of my document to prove legal presence:
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- I-327 Re-entry Permit
- I-551 Permanent Resident Card
- I-571 Refugee Travel Document
- I-766 Employment Authorization Card
- I-94 Arrival/Departure Record 0
- Unexpired Foreign Passport 0
- Temporary I-551 Stamp (on passport or I-94) 0
- I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for non-immigrant (F-1) student status 0
- DS 2019 Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) status 0
- Machine-readable immigrant Visa (with temporary I-551 language)
- Other: Explain:

I hereby declare that I am an alien lawfully present in the United States of America. <u>I sign this declaration</u>	1
under penalty of perjury; making a false or fictitious statement or representation in this declaration is perju	ıry
in the second degree, pursuant to Ala. Code § 13A-10-102.	

Signature Date

BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE REVIEW THE CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THAT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

- □ All sections of the application are complete and sections that do not pertain to your location are indicated so with "N/A" or "X".
- Inspection fee in the amount of \$500.00 for New Location and Licensure fee of \$250.00, made payable to the Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment.
- Copy of City or County Business License;
- Copy of State of Alabama Business License (which is purchased from your county courthouse)
- Copy of Certification of liability Insurance accord form (The policy must reflect the limits of coverage, \$300,000 being the minimum requirement and reflect the physical location on the application);
- Copy of State of Alabama Board of Pharmacy Oxygen Permit if supplying oxygen.
- Copy of Elevator Contractors License issued by the State Elevator Board under the Department of Labor if supplying stair lifts and platform lifts;
- All individuals affiliated with the ownership of the company have completed the Person in Charge information and is properly notarized.
- All individuals affiliated with the ownership of the company and Person In Charge have to send in Proof of Citizenship and HME POC Form.

Note: Please be advised that all supporting documents required must reflect the <u>physical address</u> of that stated on the first page of this application.

General Application Processing Information:

Important Note: Please allow adequate time when applying for licensure prior to opening facility. The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment is committed to providing timely service and expeditious application processing. Due to the application and site inspection requirements, please allow approximately two to four weeks for the completion of the licensure process. The following are the steps involved in acquiring a license for the typical applicant:

- Complete Application Applications are reviewed and processed in order of receipt. If an application is incomplete for any reason, the applicant is written regarding the deficiencies and given ninety (90) days to complete. If the application is not completed ninety (90) days from the date of the notification of deficiencies, the application will expire and a new application will be required.
- Pass Site Inspection Once the application is complete the Board Inspector is notified to schedule a site inspection. The inspector will contact the applicant and schedule a date and time for inspection. Site Inspections are also done in order of receipt. The inspection will consist of reviewing all applicable licenses for the facility as listed in the application and compliance with the Supplier Standards which can be found at www.homemed.alabama.gov
- Notification of Site Inspection Results The inspector will send the completed site inspection form to the Board office. The Board will notify the applicant of the site inspection results. If the site inspection is failed, the applicant will be written of the specific deficiencies, options for appeal, and guidelines to re-inspection.
- Certificate Mailed The Licensure Certificate will be mailed to the applicant's business address as listed on the application upon completion of the above steps. Certificates will not be overnighted or faxed to applicants. Again, please allow adequate time for the completion of the licensure process. All certificates expire on August 31st regardless of date of issue due to statutory limitations. Upon renewal applicants will have a full annual license.

Return completed application to:
The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment
P.O. Box 240636
Montgomery, AL 36124-0636

Make checks payable to:
The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment or ABHME