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BOC Reinstated as CMS-Approved Accrediting Organization

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (Jan. 13, 2026) – The Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC) today announced that, [effective Jan. 9, 2026](#), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reinstated BOC as a CMS-approved Accrediting Organization (AO) until further notice.

The reinstatement follows legal action taken by BOC in response to CMS's abrupt termination of BOC's approved AO status on Dec. 2, 2025. On Dec. 16, 2025, BOC filed a lawsuit, *Board of Certification/Accreditation International, Inc. v. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. et al*, Case No. 1:25-cv-04150-MJM, in the U.S. District Court, District of Maryland.

At a hearing held Jan. 9, 2026, the Court granted BOC's motion for a temporary restraining order (TRO) against CMS. As a result of the Court's ruling, BOC is again authorized as a CMS-approved DMEPOS Accreditation Organization, and CMS has confirmed this status remains in effect until further notice.

What This Means for BOC-Accredited Facilities:

- Effective January 9, 2026, BOC can continue operations and is authorized to provide full accreditation- and reaccreditation-related services in 46 states.
- Effective January 9, 2026, BOC is authorized to accept new DMEPOS applications in 46 states.
- Restrictions announced in May 2025 continue to be in place for reaccreditation and new accreditation of suppliers in CA, FL, NY and TX.
- Suppliers with questions should contact BOC Compliance at compliance@bocusa.org for individualized support and guidance to limit potential gaps in accreditation.

This matter is not related to and does not impact BOC's certification programs. All BOC certification programs remain relevant and valid for the thousands of providers holding BOC credentials.

"We will continue to keep our customers informed and are grateful for their ongoing trust," said Judi L. Knott, MA, MBA, CAE, president and CEO of BOC. "Our commitment to quality and to the professionals and businesses we serve remains steadfast, and we look forward to assisting with businesses' accreditation needs."



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For more than 40 years, the Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC) has offered highly valued credentials in the fields of orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) and durable medical equipment (DME). BOC offers accreditation for O&P practices, pharmacies and DME suppliers and certifications for orthotic fitters, mastectomy fitters and DME specialists. BOC-certified practitioners and accredited suppliers are included as qualified providers and suppliers, respectively, in the Social Security Act, as amended by the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA).

BOC has been acclaimed for award-winning innovation and customer service, earning international recognition with 12 Stevie Awards. Both the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Veterans Affairs accept BOC credentials as meeting their standards. Learn more at www.bocusa.org.