MEMBER BENEFITS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Association of Medical Device Service Organizations ("AMDSO") is a 501(c)(6) trade association organized to serve the interests of independent third-party service providers (ISOs) engaged in the service and repair of reusable medical devices. Although the use of ISOs undoubtedly benefits healthcare organizations, providers are often misled on how ISOs can meet their needs or there is a misperception regarding the safety and efficacy of ISO serviced devices. AMDSO responds to such misunderstandings and misperceptions which may be brought by competitors in the marketplace (e.g., original equipment manufacturers (OEM)), the media, regulators, legislatures, and others. For more about AMDSO, see www.amdso.org.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Any ISO that engages in the service or repair of reusable medical devices, and those that support ISOs (e.g., engaged in utilization of service, provider of parts/service to entities that service or repair), and has demonstrated compliance with a recognized quality management system, e.g., ISO 13485, may apply for membership.

All members are provided with one board seat and have equal representation on the Board of Directors.

All members are required to pay a nominal $3,000 for yearly dues. Because this is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) entity, membership dues, except for dues that go toward lobbying expenses, are generally tax deductible.

CURRENT AMDSO PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

AMDSO members collaborate on the following, including active participation before FDA, AAMI, and interaction and advocacy with other groups:

FDA - AMDSO supports FDA’s current position that regulation is not necessary because there is no evidence of increased safety risks. AMDSO is currently working with FDA, and the industry’s “collaborative” community on further defining “servicing” versus “remanufacturing.” AMDSO will also engage on Capitol Hill when necessary to combat OEM-proposed legislation that may affect ISOs ability to conduct business.

AAMI - Alongside the idea of regulation, some groups including the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) have elected to discuss possible standards for servicing medical devices. AMDSO is an AAMI member and is engaged in the reprocessing endoscopes, and equipment management workgroups.

FTC, and State Right to Repair – AMDSO and its members work with repair.org and other industry stakeholders to track and advocate for legislation which is aimed to allow access to information and parts so it is easier for device owners to service devices.

Response to misleading statements – AMDSO plays a key role in combatting and countering OEM misrepresentations about ISO service and repair through education and outreach.

AMDSO provides a unified and strong message about ISO capabilities and benefits, allowing healthcare providers to align their service needs and expectations with supplier proficiencies.

CONTACT -- For more information about dues or to obtain a copy of the AMDSO Bylaws, please contact AMDSO’s Legal Counsel, Mason Weeda, Esq. at 202-789-1212 or mweeda@ofwlaw.com.

1 Because AMDSO membership consists of competitors, all business is conducted in firm compliance with an Antitrust Policy, and with monitoring and input of legal counsel.