



New Tool for Referral Agents Who Order or Refer Medicare Patients for DMEPOS

In September 2012, CMS announced the availability of a new electronic mailing list for those who refer Medicare beneficiaries for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). You play a critical role in providing information and services to Medicare beneficiaries. To ensure you give Medicare patients the most current DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (The Program) information, CMS strongly encourages you to review the information that will be sent out from this new electronic mailing list. In addition, please share the information you receive from the mailing list as well as the link to the "[mailing list for referral agents](#)" subscriber page with others who refer Medicare beneficiaries for DMEPOS. Thank you for signing up!

Program Reminder

As a reminder, on January 1, 2011, the Round 1 Rebid of The Program was successfully implemented in nine areas.

On July 1, 2013, Round 2 of The Program is targeted to go into effect in 91 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). In addition, CMS will be implementing a national mail-order program for diabetic testing supplies at the same time as Round 2. The national mail-order program will include all parts of the United States, including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. See the [Locations](#) and [Products](#) that will be affected by the second round of competitive bidding.

For purposes of The Program, referral agents include Medicare enrolled providers, physicians, treating practitioners, discharge planners, social workers, and pharmacists who refer beneficiaries for services in a Competitive Bidding Area (CBA).

New Special Edition MLN Matters® Article

CMS has released a new [MLN Matters® Special Edition Article #SE1244](#), "Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program: Quick Reference Article." The article serves as a quick reference tool for all referral agents who order or refer patients for DMEPOS in a CBA.

The article provides referral agents with a list of related web addresses and phone numbers that will help you find information on The Program and assist you in obtaining DMEPOS items and services for Medicare beneficiaries.

Additional Information

For more information about The Program, visit the [CMS](#) website.



For more information visit the [DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Site](#)