



Revised DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Fact Sheet

Program Reminder

On January 1, 2011, the Round 1 Rebid of The DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (The Program) was successfully implemented in nine metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs).

On July 1, 2013, Round 2 of The Program is targeted to go into effect in 91 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.

Learn More

The [“DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program: A Better Way for Medicare to Pay for Medical Equipment”](#) Fact Sheet (ICN 903624) was revised and is now available in downloadable format. This fact sheet is designed to provide education on the Round 1 Rebid and Round 2 of the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program. It includes an overview of the program, how the program benefits beneficiaries, and lists of product categories and competitive bidding areas affected by those two rounds of the program.

The fact sheet is appropriate for DMEPOS suppliers and all provider types who order, refer, or provide DMEPOS items to their patients.

Additional information

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

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Webinars — Register Now

CMS will host several webinars on the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program. This program is intended for providers who assist beneficiaries in obtaining and ordering items of DMEPOS. Each program is limited to 500 participants, so please register early.

- February 20 at 11am ET; [Registration Link](#)
- February 21 at 3pm ET; [Registration Link](#)
- February 25 at 11am ET; [Registration Link](#)
- February 27 at 2pm ET: [Registration Link](#)

The DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program is a change to the Medicare program that is scheduled to go into effect for Medicare beneficiaries with Original Medicare in [91 competitive bidding areas](#) (CBAs) across the country starting on July 1, 2013. Under this program, CMS will be awarding contracts to suppliers for certain categories of DMEPOS in the CBAs.

It is important that your staff, such as physicians, social workers, and discharge planners understand this new program so that they can help Medicare patients get covered medical equipment and supplies. Once the program begins, patients with Original Medicare who live in or travel to a competitive bidding area and who need certain medical equipment and supplies will have to get the equipment or supplies from a DMEPOS Medicare contract supplier unless an exception applies. To ensure that Medicare patients' medical equipment and supplies will be covered, partners and providers will have to help beneficiaries find a supplier that is a Medicare contract supplier. Medicare plans to announce the contract suppliers in the spring of 2013.

Please forward this message to anyone who may benefit from this educational session. We look forward to your participation and the opportunity to educate partners about the program.

These webinars will be presented in a lecture format only. Questions may be asked using the webinar chat feature and will not be answered live. All questions will be compiled into a Question and Answer document and distributed to all webinar participants via email.

If you have any questions regarding these webinars please contact Tom Robinson at Thomas.robinson@cms.hhs.gov.



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