



DMEPOS Competitive Bidding - Referral Agent Update

Help Medicare patients get covered medical equipment and supplies

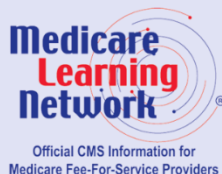
DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program: Beneficiary and Provider Mailings

The Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (the Program) was successfully implemented in nine areas on January 1, 2011. Round 2 of the Program is scheduled to go into effect in 91 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) on July 1, 2013. Medicare will implement 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.

As part of the ongoing education and outreach efforts for the Program, CMS will begin mailing information to approximately 5.7 million people with Medicare about The Program. Recipients include Medicare beneficiaries in the 91 Round 2 bid areas who use the items included in The Program ([letter 1](#)) as well as those who use diabetic testing supplies across the country ([letter 2](#)).

Health care providers who order and refer DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program items for beneficiaries residing in or traveling to a competitive bidding area will be receiving a letter from CMS with more information on The Program. Review the referral agent [letter](#) which also includes a [fact sheet](#) for referral agents.

For information about The Program and to view additional educational resources, visit the [CMS](#) website.



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