

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program: Temporary Gap Period

All DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) Round 2021 contracts for off-the-shelf (OTS) back and knee braces will expire on December 31, 2023.

Starting January 1, 2024, there will be a temporary gap period for the DMEPOS CBP. CMS will start bidding for the next round of the DMEPOS CBP after we:

- Complete the formal public notice and comment rulemaking process
- Implement necessary DMEPOS CBP changes to:
 - Establish sustainable prices
 - Save money for Medicare patients and taxpayers
 - Help limit fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare Program
 - Ensure patient access to quality items and services

During the temporary gap period, Medicare-enrolled DMEPOS suppliers may furnish DMEPOS items and services to patients. Here are the payment rules:

- Adjusted fees in former competitive bidding areas (CBAs) are based on 100% of the single payment amount for the CBA increased by the projected percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) from January 2023 - January 2024
- Adjusted fees in non-CBAs are based on fully adjusted rates per the applicable methodology under [42 CFR 414.210\(g\)](#)

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