



## DMEPOS Competitive Bidding - Referral Agent Update

*Help Medicare patients get covered medical equipment and supplies*

### Round 1 Rebid Mail-Order Diabetic Supply Contracts Ending on December 31, 2012

On January 1, 2011, CMS implemented the Round 1 Rebid of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program for nine product categories, including mail-order diabetic supplies. Medicare's contracts with suppliers of mail-order diabetic supplies will end on December 31, 2012.

Beneficiaries with Original Medicare who live in Round 1 Rebid areas do not have to take any action at this time. They can choose to continue to receive their diabetic testing supplies from their current supplier or they can get their testing supplies from any other Medicare enrolled supplier that provides these items until a new national mail-order program for diabetic testing supplies begins. The national mail-order program contracts and prices are targeted to become effective on July 1, 2013. Medicare will announce the national mail-order contract suppliers and provide more information about this program before it starts.

CMS is notifying beneficiaries who use diabetic testing supplies and live in Round 1 Rebid areas of this change. The beneficiary letter can be viewed on the [DMEPOS Toolkit](#) web page.



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