



## DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Webinars — Register Now

CMS will host several webinars for referral agents and other providers 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 200 participants, so please register early. We have 5 webinars in order to accommodate everyone and will add additional webinars if we reach our maximum attendance.

Sign up for one of our webinars via the following links:

- January 28, 2013 at 11am ET; Registration Link (URL): <http://dmeposcbjan28.eventbrite.com>
- January 29, 2013 at 2pm ET; Registration Link (URL): <http://dmeposcbjan29.eventbrite.com>
- January 30, 2013 at 4pm ET; Registration Link (URL): <http://dmeposcbjan30.eventbrite.com>
- January 31, 2013 at 6pm ET; Registration Link (URL): <http://dmeposcbjan31.eventbrite.com>
- February 5, 2013 at 2pm ET; Registration Link (URL): <http://dmeposcbfeb05.eventbrite.com>

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 prescribing physicians, social workers, discharge planners, and others who assist Medicare beneficiaries with their health care needs and decisions 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. 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 you about the program.

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

If you have any questions about these webinars or are unable to attend due to reaching maximum attendance, please contact Lynne Tierney at [lynne.tierney@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:lynne.tierney@cms.hhs.gov) or Renee Richard at [renee.richard@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:renee.richard@cms.hhs.gov).



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