



DMEPOS Competitive Bidding - Referral Agent Update

Help Medicare patients get covered medical equipment and supplies

Revised CMS Fact Sheets on Walker and Folding Manual Wheelchair Exceptions to the Competitive Bidding Program

Under the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (the Program), beneficiaries with Original Medicare who obtain competitive bidding items in competitive bidding areas (CBAs) are required to obtain these items from a contract supplier, unless an exception applies. The following fact sheets discuss two of these exceptions, which allow hospitals and physicians or treating practitioners who are enrolled Medicare DMEPOS suppliers to furnish the following competitively bid items to their own patients without submitting a bid and being selected as a contract supplier:

- For the Round 1 Rebid of the Program, which became effective on **January 1, 2011**, walkers are the only items addressed by the exceptions.
- For Round 2 of the Program, which is scheduled to go into effect on **July 1, 2013**, walkers and folding manual wheelchairs are the only items addressed by the exceptions.

See the fact sheets below for more important information.

[“DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Hospitals That Are Not Contract Suppliers”](#) provides education on an exception to the requirement to use a contract supplier that allows hospitals to furnish competitively bid walkers in a CBA to their own patients, without submitting a bid and being selected as a contract supplier.

[“DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Physicians and Other Treating Practitioners Who Are Enrolled as Medicare DMEPOS Suppliers”](#) provides education on an exception to the requirement to use a contract supplier that allows physicians and other treating practitioners who are enrolled Medicare DMEPOS suppliers to furnish competitively bid walkers in a CBA to their own patients without submitting a bid and being selected as a contract supplier.



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