



DMEPOS Competitive Bidding - Referral Agent Update

Help Medicare patients get covered medical equipment and supplies

Revised Fact Sheets - Traveling Beneficiaries and Mail Order Diabetic Supplies in the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program

Round 2 of the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program is targeted to go into effect in 91 Metropolitan Statistical Areas on July 1, 2013. Medicare also will implement a national mail-order program for diabetic testing supplies on July 1, 2013. When the program becomes effective in a competitive bidding area, beneficiaries with Original Medicare who obtain competitively bid items in the area must obtain these items from a contract supplier in order for Medicare to pay, unless an exception applies.

The following fact sheets discuss two important parts of the program.

[“The Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies \(DMEPOS\) Competitive Bidding Program: Traveling Beneficiary”](#) Fact Sheet (ICN 904484) was revised and is now available in downloadable format. This fact sheet is designed to provide education to DMEPOS suppliers that provide items to Medicare beneficiaries who reside in or travel to areas impacted by the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program. It includes information on how to determine whether a beneficiary is in a traveling status, how to properly bill Medicare for the item, and how Medicare will determine the payment amount.

[The DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Mail Order Diabetic Supplies Fact Sheet](#) Fact Sheet (ICN 900924) was revised and is now available in downloadable format. This fact sheet is designed to educate on requirements related to providing mail order diabetic supplies to beneficiaries who reside in a competitive bidding area. It also includes information on options for purchasing diabetic supplies on a non-mail order basis.

For further information about the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program, please visit the [CMS](#) website.



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