



DMEPOS Competitive Bidding - Referral Agent Update

Help Medicare patients get covered medical equipment and supplies

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program: Round 1 Recompete - Webinars Announced

CMS will host several webinars for partners and providers on the Round 1 Recompete on the following dates:

- **December 09, 2013 (11:00 am to 12:00 noon (EST))**
- **December 11, 2013 (1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (EST))**
- **December 12, 2013 (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (EST))**

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

<http://dmeposcb2013.eventbrite.com/>

The Round 1 Rebid of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program was successfully implemented in nine areas on January 1, 2011. CMS is required by law to recompete contracts under the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program at least once every three years. The Round 1 Rebid contracts will expire on December 31, 2013. The Round 1 Recompete contracts and prices are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2014 in the same nine areas. There will also be some changes to the specific DMEPOS items that are part of the program in these areas starting on January 1, 2014.

When a round of the program goes into effect in a competitive bidding area (CBA), Original Medicare beneficiaries who obtain competitively bid items in that CBA will need to use a Medicare contract supplier for that round for Medicare to help pay unless an exception applies. It is important that prescribing physicians, social workers, discharge planners, and others who assist Medicare beneficiaries in Round 1 competitive bid areas with their health care needs and decisions understand this program so that they can help Medicare patients get covered medical equipment and supplies. To ensure that Medicare can help pay for Medicare patients' medical equipment and supplies, partners and providers will have to help beneficiaries find a supplier that is a Medicare contract supplier.

Please forward this message to any partner who may benefit from this educational session. We also look forward to your participation and the opportunity to educate partners and providers about the program.

PLEASE NOTE: This program is intended for partners and providers who assist beneficiaries in obtaining and ordering items of DMEPOS. Each program is limited to 1,000 participants, so please register early. Additionally, please try to limit your registration to 1 event if possible. We have scheduled 3 webinars in order to accommodate everyone and will add additional webinars if we reach our maximum attendance.

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 would like to receive regular updates about the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding initiative sign up for our Referral Agent ListServ via the below link.

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new?pop=t&topic_id=USCMS_7814

If you have any questions about these webinars or are unable to attend due to reaching maximum attendance, please contact Tom Robinson at Thomas.robinson@cms.hhs.gov or

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