

**Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies Competitive Bidding  
Program (DMEPOS CBP)  
ACA Section 3136 Power-Driven Wheelchairs**

**BACKGROUND**

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We are proposing to amend the regulations to adjust payment for power-driven wheelchairs under the Medicare Part B Durable Medical Equipment Orthotics and Prosthetics (DMEPOS) fee schedule to pay 15 percent (instead of 10 percent) of the purchase price for the first three months under the monthly rental method and 6 percent (instead of 7.5 percent) for remaining rental months. Payment is based on the lower of the supplier's actual charge and the fee schedule amount. These changes are mandated by section 3136(a)(1) of the ACA and are effective for items furnished on or after January 1, 2011.

We are also proposing to amend the regulations to eliminate lump sum (up-front) purchase payment for standard power-driven wheelchairs. We are revising the regulations to permit payment only on a monthly rental basis for standard power-driven wheelchairs effective for items furnished on or after January 1, 2011. For complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchairs, the regulations will continue to permit payment to be made on a lump sum purchase method or a monthly rental method. These changes are mandated by section 3136(a)(2) of the ACA.

In accordance with ACA, we are specifying that these changes do not apply to power-driven wheelchairs furnished pursuant to contracts entered into prior to January 1, 2011 as part of the Medicare DMEPOS competitive bidding program.