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**Important Exceptions and Special Circumstances that Occur under the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program: – The third in a series of articles on the new DMEPOS competitive bidding program.**

Note: This article was impacted by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, which was enacted on July 15, 2008. That legislation delayed the implementation of the DMEPOS competitive bidding program until 2009 and makes other changes to the program. A new article that discusses the “Program Instructions Designating the Competitive Bidding Areas and Product Categories included in the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Round One Rebid in CY 2009” is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6571.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website.

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