



CMS Medicare FFS Provider e-News

CMS Information for the Medicare Fee-For-Service Provider Community

CMS asks that you share the following important information with all of your association members and state and local chapters. Thank you!

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Medicare Announces Timeline for Bidding; Begins Bidder Education Program for DMEPOS Competitive Bidding

Bidding Timeline:

CMS has announced the bidding timeline for the Round 2 and national mail-order competitions of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program. To view the timeline, visit the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) website, at www.dmecompetitivebid.com.

Bidder Education Program:

CMS has also launched a comprehensive bidder education program. This program is designed to ensure that DMEPOS suppliers interested in bidding receive the information and assistance they need to submit complete bids in a timely manner. The CBIC is the official information source for bidders and the focal point for bidder education. The CBIC website, www.dmecompetitivebid.com, features a comprehensive array of important information for suppliers, including bidding rules, user guides, policy fact sheets, checklists, and bidding information charts. The education program will also include webcasts that will cover all the essential topics suppliers will need to know in order to bid. These webcasts will be posted on the CBIC web site and will be available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. When a webcast is posted, the CBIC will announce its availability through a CBIC email update announcement. To sign up to receive webcast announcements and other key registration and bidding information, visit the CBIC website at www.dmecompetitivebid.com and subscribe to email updates.

In addition to viewing the information on the CBIC website, DMEPOS suppliers are encouraged to call the CBIC toll-free help desk, 1-877-577-5331, with their questions and concerns.

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