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The e-News for Thursday, August 16

CMS Announces Timeline for DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Round 1 Recompete; Begins Bidder Education Program

Bidding Timeline

CMS has announced the bidding timeline for the Round 1 Recompete 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) web site 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 web site 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 web site 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, 877-577-5331, with their questions and concerns.

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