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National Provider Call: Physician Quality Reporting System and Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program — Registration Now Open [\[↑\]](#)

Tuesday, October 23; 1:30-3pm ET

This call provides an overview of the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Informal Review, including the background of PQRS reporting and the purpose of the PQRS Informal Review. Information will be shared on how to request an informal review for the 2011 PQRS Program Year. The presentation will be followed by a questions and answers session.

Agenda:

- Announcements
- Overview of PQRS Informal Review
- 2011 PQRS Informal Review
- Resources & Who to Call for Help

- Questions & Answers

Target Audience: Eligible professionals, medical coders, physician office staff, provider billing staff, health records staff, vendors and all other interested Medicare FFS health care professionals

Registration Information: In order to receive call-in information, you must register for the call on the [CMS Upcoming National Provider Calls](#) registration website. Registration will close at 12pm on the day of the call or when available space has been filled; no exceptions will be made, so please register early.

Presentation: The presentation for this call will be posted prior to the call on the [FFS National Provider Calls](#) web page. In addition, a link to the slide presentation will be emailed to all registrants on the day of the call.

Continuing education credit may be awarded for participation in certain CMS National Provider Calls. Visit the [Continuing Education Credit Notification](#) web page to learn more.

Now Available: New Education Materials for Round 1 Recompete Bidders [[↑](#)]

New educational materials for the Round 1 Recompete of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program are now available on the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) website at www.DMECompetitiveBid.com. CMS urges all bidders to take advantage of these new materials as well as the many other helpful tools and resources on the CBIC website.

First, the [Quick Step by Step User Guide](#) to Submitting a Bid DBidS has been issued. This guide provides step-by-step instructions for using the DMEPOS Bidding System (DBidS), the online bidding system.

Second, three new educational webcasts are now available for viewing. The first webcast, titled *Financial Documentation Requirements*, goes over the rules and requirements for the financial documents that you must submit in addition to your online bid. The second webcast, titled *How a Bid is Evaluated*, describes each step of the bid evaluation process, from receipt of electronic bid data and hardcopy documents through awarding of contracts. The final in this series of webcasts, titled *How to Submit a Bid*, explains how to submit a bid using the online bidding system, DBidS.

All webcasts are available on demand to view at your convenience – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no charge to view the webcasts, and a transcript for each webcast is also posted on the website. To view the webcasts, select *Round 1 Recompete*, then click *Educational Information*, and choose [Education Events](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the CBIC customer service center toll-free at 877-577-5331 from 9am to 9pm prevailing Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, throughout the registration and bidding periods.

Only 7 Days Left to Register for the Round 1 Recompete of the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program [[↑](#)]

Reminder: If you are a supplier interested in participating in the Round 1 Recompete of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program, *you must register before Friday, October 19, 2012, at 9pm prevailing Eastern Time*. Suppliers that do not register cannot bid and are not eligible for contracts. Don't wait – go to the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) website at www.DMECompetitiveBid.com and register *today*.

Registration is typically a quick and easy process if you follow the step-by-step instructions in the [Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services \(IACS\) Reference Guide](#) posted on the CBIC website. To register, visit the [Round 1 Recompete](#) homepage on the CBIC website and click "REGISTRATION IS OPEN" above the Registration Clock on the homepage. Please note that suppliers with multiple locations typically must register only one Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN) that will submit the bid for all locations.

The target registration dates have passed for authorized officials (AOs) and backup authorized officials (BAOs). End users (EUs), as well as any AOs and BAOs who have not yet registered, should register *now*. Suppliers may wish to register multiple EUs to help enter bid data in Form B of DBidS, the online bidding system. You will need to complete a Form B for each product category/competitive bidding area (CBA) on which you are bidding. Multiple users (AO, BAOs, EUs) may be in the Form B section of DBidS at the same time as long as each user is entering information for a different product category/CBA. Only suppliers that have registered and received a user ID and password will be able to access the online bidding system and submit bids.

If the AO for your company has not already registered, we cannot guarantee that he or she will be able to complete the registration process before registration closes. This is especially a concern if your files with the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) are not current and accurate. If your AO does not register, you cannot bid and will not be eligible for a contract. In addition, suppliers whose AOs have not registered are at risk of experiencing delays in accessing the online bidding system to get a bidder number and thereby missing the opportunity to submit financial documents by the covered document review date (CDRD).

If you have registered an AO but not a BAO, we strongly recommend that a BAO register *now*. The establishment of a BAO is encouraged to avoid any disruption in the bidding process. The individual in the BAO role can assume the AO role if for some reason the AO can no longer fulfill his or her bidding responsibilities. If there is no BAO for a company and the AO leaves the company, all end users associated with the company will lose access to the bidding system.

Remember, the AO and BAO must be listed on the CMS-855S enrollment form as an AO. After an AO successfully registers, the AO may designate other authorized officials on the CMS-855S to serve as BAOs; the AO and BAOs can then designate other supplier employees as EUs. BAOs and EUs must also register for a user ID and password to be able to use the online bidding system. The name and Social Security Number of the AO and BAOs must match exactly with what is on file with the NSC to register successfully.

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact the CBIC Customer Service Center at 877-577-5331 between 9am and 9pm prevailing Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

The CBIC is the official information source for bidders. All suppliers interested in bidding are urged to sign up for "Email Updates" on the home page of the [CBIC](#) website. For information about the Round 1 Recompete, please refer to the bidder education materials on the [CBIC](#) website located under *Round 1 Recompete > Bidding Suppliers*.

Certain End-Stage Renal Disease Claims Incorrectly Returning to Provider [\[↑\]](#)

CMS has identified a problem with the processing of End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) claims meeting the following criteria:

- ESRD 72x type of bill
- Receives a 146x1 reason code (x range reason code) and
- Contains a value code D5 or 72 with a dollar amount

These claims are incorrectly Returning to Provider (RTP). Therefore, CMS will hold these claims until a fix is installed on October 22, 2012. At that time, impacted claims will be reprocessed. No action is required of providers.

More helpful links...

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