

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
(DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program Bidders' Conference-
Bid Submission Process

Wednesday, October 7, 2009
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

Please join us for the sixth in a series of eight Special Open Door Forum (ODF) bidders' conferences for the Round 1 Rebid of the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive bidding program. At this Special ODF, we will walk through the bid submission process. This will include discussions about Forms A and B on the on-line bid submission system, hardcopy documents required, bidder sheets, location specific information, and helpful tools provided for bidders.

The PowerPoint presentation for this Special ODF is now available on the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) web site. We encourage those who will be participating to print out the PowerPoint presentation before the Special ODF. For more information on this presentation and other educational activities, please visit the CBIC web site, <http://www.dmecompetitivebid.com/>

Background:

On August 3, 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) issued the bidding timeline for the Round 1 Rebid of the DMEPOS competitive bidding program and initiated a comprehensive bidder education campaign. CMS' Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) is the focal point for bidder education. Please visit the CBIC's dedicated website, www.dmecompetitivebid.com, for important information, including bidding rules, user guides, frequently asked questions, policy fact sheets, checklists and bidding information charts. The CBIC toll-free help desk, 1-877-577-5331, is open to help bidders with all of their questions and concerns. All suppliers interested in bidding are urged to sign up for e-mail updates on the home page of the CBIC website.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 & Reference Conference ID: 23045692

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning Monday, October 19, 2009.

For Open Door Forum schedule updates, E-Mailing list subscriptions, and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoorforums/>.

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