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An Important Message for People with Original Medicare:

Medicare is starting a national mail-order program for diabetic testing supplies.

On July 1, 2013, Medicare is scheduled to start this program. As part of this program, you'll continue to get quality supplies and save money. When it starts, you'll need to use a Medicare national mail-order contract supplier for Medicare to pay for diabetic testing supplies that are delivered to your home. If you don't want your diabetic testing supplies delivered to your home, you can go to any local store that's enrolled with Medicare and buy them there. The national mail-order program will include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

Note: This program applies to Original Medicare only. If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO), your plan will notify you if your supplier is changing. Contact your plan for more information.

What will I pay for my supplies?

When the program starts, the amount Medicare pays will be the same for diabetic testing supplies you buy at the store or have delivered to your home. National mail-order contract suppliers can't charge you more than any unmet deductible and 20% coinsurance. Local stores also can't charge more than any unmet deductible and 20% coinsurance if they accept assignment, which means they accept the Medicare-approved amount as payment in full. Local stores that don't accept Medicare assignment may charge you more than 20% coinsurance and any unmet deductible. If you get your supplies from a local store, check with the store to find out what your payment will be.

How do I find a supplier?

For the most up-to-date list of mail-order Medicare contract suppliers, visit Medicare.gov/supplier, and enter your ZIP code. Select "Mail-Order Diabetic Supplies" to view or print a list of mail-order Medicare-contract suppliers. Or, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

