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May 2013**An Important Message for People with Original Medicare:**

If you have Original Medicare and receive this letter, how you get medical equipment and supplies could be changing.

On July 1, 2013, Medicare is scheduled to expand the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program to more areas of the country. This program changes the amount Medicare pays for certain items and supplies and makes changes to which suppliers Medicare will pay to supply these items to you. The program will help you save money and make sure that you have access to quality medical equipment, supplies, and services from suppliers you can trust. It will also help limit fraud and abuse in the Medicare Program.

**If you live in one of the competitive bidding areas, and use equipment or supplies included under the program (or get the items while visiting a competitive bidding area), you'll generally need to get the equipment or supplies from a Medicare-contract supplier for Medicare to help pay for these items.**

**Note:** 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.

**How do I know if I'm affected by this program?**

Read the enclosed "Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies" brochure that describes this program, including a list of the covered items. For more information about the competitive bidding program, talk to your doctor, health care provider, or supplier.

For the most up-to-date list of Medicare contract suppliers in your area, visit [Medicare.gov/supplier](http://Medicare.gov/supplier) and enter your ZIP code. Select the product category of the item you need to view or print a list of Medicare-contract suppliers you can use. Or, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. A customer service representative can help you find a supplier.

**What if I'm renting equipment?**

If you're currently renting durable medical equipment or oxygen and oxygen equipment, and your current supplier isn't listed, you may be able to continue renting the equipment from that supplier if they decide to become a "grandfathered" supplier. Your supplier will notify you in writing if they'll continue to rent you the equipment. If your supplier decides not to become a grandfathered supplier, they'll notify you in writing to make arrangements to pick up the equipment.

