

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program

Medicare's Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program was in place briefly in 2008 for 10 metropolitan areas. The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, enacted on July 15, 2008, delayed and made limited changes to the program. Medicare beneficiaries can continue to get their Medicare-covered equipment and supplies from any Medicare-approved supplier until the program goes into effect in nine metropolitan areas on January 1, 2011. The program is designed to ensure beneficiaries with Original Medicare continue to receive quality medical equipment and related services from accredited suppliers, while reducing out-of-pocket expenses for Medicare beneficiaries and saving the Medicare program money.

If beneficiaries have questions, they may call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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Partner Guide to Answer Consumer Questions June 2010

Beneficiary Fact Sheet June 2010

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