

New Medicare utilization and payment data available for medical equipment, supplies
*Data serves as comprehensive resource for information
on durable medical equipment costs and services*

As part of the Administration's efforts to make our healthcare system more transparent, affordable, and accountable, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has prepared a new [data set](#) for public access within the Provider Utilization and Payment suite, the Referring Provider Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Other Supplies (DMEPOS) Public Use File (Referring Provider DMEPOS PUF). These new data present information on DMEPOS products and services, such as wheelchairs, walkers and diabetes supplies, provided to Medicare beneficiaries via referrals by physicians and other healthcare professionals.

"The Referring Provider DMEPOS PUF is part of a wide set of initiatives by the Administration to achieve better care, smarter spending and healthier people throughout our health care system," said Acting CMS Administrator Andrew Slavitt. "Open sharing of data securely, more broadly and in a timely fashion supports insight and innovation in health care delivery."

The Referring Provider DMEPOS PUF contains information on utilization, payment (allowed amount and Medicare payment), and submitted charges organized by National Provider Identifier (NPI), Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code and supplier rental indicator. This PUF is based on information from CMS administrative claims data for Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in the fee-for-service program available from the CMS Chronic Condition Data Warehouse (www.ccwdata.org).

The data in the Referring Provider DMEPOS PUF covers calendar year 2013 and is based on information from Part B non-institutional DMEPOS claims. These new data include information on over 385 thousand providers who referred DMEPOS products in 2013. In total, the data represent over 100 million claims and \$11 billion in Medicare allowed amounts.

To view a fact sheet on the Referring Provider DMEPOS PUF, visit:

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