



Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) – January 2022

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This MLN Matters Article is for providers and suppliers submitting claims to Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for DMEPOS items or services Medicare pays for using the DMEPOS fee schedule.

Provider Action Needed

This Article provides specific instruction for implementing the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) files. Medicare updates the DMEPOS CBP files on a quarterly basis to implement necessary changes to HCPCS codes, ZIP codes, and single payment amounts. Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes.

Background

Congress initiated the DMEPOS CBP through the [Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003](#). The statute required Medicare to replace the fee schedule payment method for selected DMEPOS items with a competitive bidding process. The intent is to improve the effectiveness of the Medicare method for setting DMEPOS payment amounts, which will reduce patient out-of-pocket expenses and save the Medicare program money while ensuring patient access to quality items and services.

CR 12445 gives the DME MACs and the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor the latest quarterly updates for the following 3 competitive bidding files:

- Competitive Bidding Area (CBA) ZIP code
- HCPCS
- CBA pricing

More Information

We issued [CR 12445](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

See the [Quarterly Updates](#) for more details. We will post updates for this quarter, January – March, 2022, on or around January 1, 2022.

Document History

Date of Change	Description
October 4, 2021	Initial article released.

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