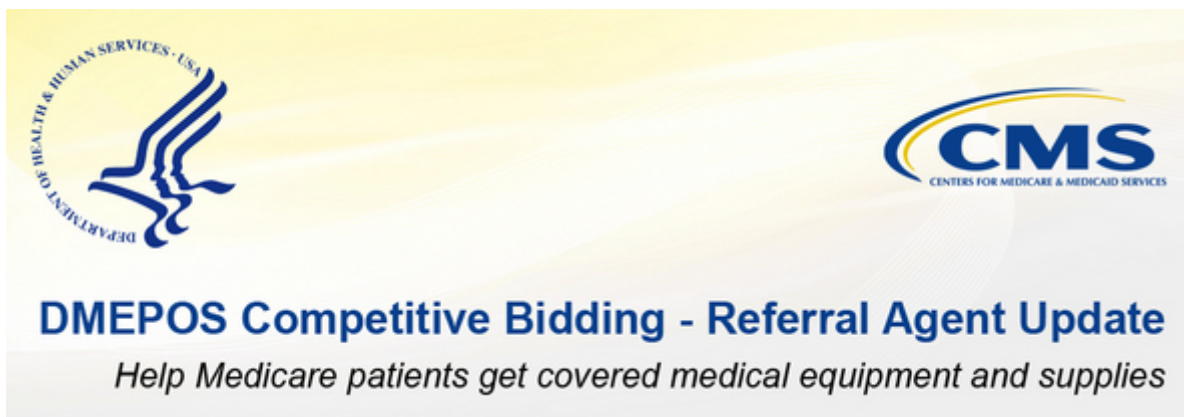


Medicare enrolled providers, physicians, treating practitioners, discharge planners, social workers, pharmacists and other health care professionals who refer beneficiaries for services in a competitive bidding area.



January 1, 2014 Round 1 Recompete Implementation — Resources

Educational Resources Reminder

CMS is required by law to recompetete contracts under the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program at least once every three years. The Round 1 Rebid contracts will expire on December 31, 2013, and the Round 1 Recompete contracts and prices are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2014.

When a round of the Program becomes effective in a competitive bidding area (CBA), beneficiaries with Original Medicare who obtain competitively bid items in that CBA must obtain these items from a contract supplier for that round in order for Medicare to pay, unless an exception applies. Educational resources are available on the [CMS](#) website. [Materials](#) to assist you with beneficiary inquiries about the program are also available.

CBIC Liaison Reminder

Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) liaisons are available to assist suppliers, referral agents, and other key stakeholders with questions and concerns about the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program. The liaisons can provide assistance with issues such as:

- the quality of services or items,
- suspected fraud or abuse,
- guidelines on particular policies,
- information on regulations,
- general information about the program, and
- educational materials.

There is a dedicated CBIC liaison assigned in each of several regional geographic territories. For more information and to see a listing of the CBIC liaisons, visit the [DMEPOS Competitive Bidding](#) website.



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