

**CMS to Host National Education Call
on DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program
May 13th, 2008**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a national education conference call to address the implementation of the new Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding program scheduled to begin on July 1, 2008. This call is being conducted for Medicare fee-for-service DMEPOS suppliers, physicians, and other providers – all of which may be affected by the program. The call will give a general overview of the new program and address some of the exceptions and situations you may encounter as the program is implemented. A presentation will be made by the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) and CMS Subject Matter Experts will be available to answer questions. A PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the CMS Website prior to the call.

Conference call details:

Date: May 13, 2008
Conference Title: Overview of the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program
Time: 12:30-2:00 p.m. EDT

In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. It is important to note that if you are planning to sit in with a group, only one person needs to register to receive the call-in data. This registration is solely to reserve a phone line, NOT to allow participation. If you cannot attend the call, replay information is available below.

Registration will close at 12:30 p.m. EDT on May 12, 2008, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made, so please be sure to register prior to this time.

1. To register for the call participants need to go to:
<http://www2.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/051308>
2. Fill in all required data.
3. Verify your time zone is displayed correctly the drop down box.
4. Click "Register."
5. You will be taken to the "Thank you for registering" page and will receive a confirmation email shortly thereafter. Note: Please print and save this page, in the event that your server blocks the confirmation emails. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please check your spam/junk mail filter as they may have gotten caught in that.

For those of you who will be unable to attend, a replay option will be available shortly following the end of the call. This replay will be accessible from 2:30 p.m. EDT 5/13/2008 until 11:59 p.m. EDT 5/17/2008. The call in data for the replay is (800) 642-1687 and the passcode is 45744159.

Educational Resources

CMS recommends the review of three MLN Matters articles prior to the call. There is a substantial amount of program information and how it will impact DMEPOS suppliers, physicians and other providers.

These Special Edition *MLN Matters* articles are:

MLN Matters Special Edition # SE0805 entitled ~ “**Overview of New Medicare Competitive Bidding Program for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) – The first in a series of articles on the implementation of this program.**” ~ This article is posted on the CMS Website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0805.pdf> .

MLN Matters Special Edition Article # SE0806 entitled ~ “**Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program: Grandfathering, Repair and Replacement, Mail Order Diabetic Supplies and Advanced Beneficiary Notices (ABNs) – the second in a series of articles on the new DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program.**” ~ This article is posted on the CMS Website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0806.pdf> .

MLN Matters Special Edition Article # SE0807 entitled ~ “**Important Exceptions and Special Circumstances that Occur Under the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program:--The third in a series of articles on the new DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program.**” ~ This Article is posted on the CMS Website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0807.pdf> .