



FACT SHEET

Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) required the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement competitive bidding programs in 10 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in 2007, and an additional 70 MSAs in 2009. On April 2, 2007, CMS released its Final Rule on the competitive bidding program. Congress provided little direction regarding where CMS should implement the program and what product categories to include. On July 1, 2008, the program will go live in the initial 10 MSAs:

Round One Metropolitan Statistical Areas:

- Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC
- Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN
- Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH
- Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX
- Kansas City, MO-KS
- Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, FL
- Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA
- Orlando-Kissimmee, FL
- Pittsburg, PA
- San Juan-Caguas-Guaynabo, PR

Product Categories Included:

- Oxygen and supplies
- Standard power mobility devices and accessories
- Complex rehab mobility devices and accessories
- Diabetes (only for beneficiaries who obtain via mail order)
- Enteral nutrition and supplies
- RADs and CPAPs
- Hospital beds
- Negative pressure wound therapy
- Support surfaces (only in Miami and San Juan)
- Walkers

In January 2008, CMS announced the additional 70 MSAs that will be included in round two, which is expected to be effective sometime in 2009. CMS is generally including the same product categories in round two as in round one¹. As of January 1, 2009, CMS will have the authority to apply bid rates in areas that have not gone through a bidding process. After 2009, CMS can expand the program nationwide into the remaining MSAs.

¹ Products not included in Round 2 will be diabetes products, which CMS plans to instead subject to a national bid, and support surfaces.

Round Two Metropolitan Statistical Areas:

Northeast

Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA -NJ
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT
New Haven-Milford, CT
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island,
NY-NJ-PA
Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA
Syracuse, NY

Midwest

Akron, OH
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI
Columbus, OH
Dayton, OH
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI
Flint, MI
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH
Indiana polis-Carmel, IN
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA
Toledo, OH
Wichita, KS
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH -PA

West

Albuquerque, NM
Bakersfield, CA
Colorado Springs, CO
Denver-Aurora, CO
Fresno, CA
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA
Salt Lake City, UT
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA
Visalia-Porterville, CA

South

Asheville, NC
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA
Augusta-Richmond County, GA -SC
Austin-Round Rock, TX
Baton Rouge, LA
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX
Birmingham-Hoover, AL
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL
Charleston-North Charleston, SC
Chattanooga, TN-GA
Columbia, SC
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL
El Paso, TX
Greensboro-High Point, NC
Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, SC
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX
Jackson, MS
Jacksonville, FL
Knoxville, TN
Lakeland, FL
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR
Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX
Memphis, TN-MS-AR
Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin,
TN
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA
Ocala, FL
Oklahoma City, OK
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL
Raleigh-Cary, NC
Richmond, VA
San Antonio, TX
Tampa-St. Petersburg -Clearwater, FL
Tulsa, OK
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-
NC