

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies
(DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program Bidders' Conference:
Open Call

Wednesday, October 14, 2009
3:30 pm-4:30 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

Please join us for the seventh in a series of eight Special Open Door Forum (ODF) bidders' conferences for the Round 1 Rebid of the Medicare durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) competitive bidding program. At this Special ODF, we will respond to prospective bidders' questions about the competitive bidding process. If you have not done so already, please submit your questions to CMS at cbic.teleconference@PalmettoGBA.com.

Reminder: Time is running out to register for user IDs and passwords. The registration deadline for Authorized Officials (AOs) was September 14, 2009. If your AO has not yet registered, we cannot guarantee that he or she will be able to complete the registration process before registration closes on November 4, 2009 at 9 p.m. EST. This is especially a concern if the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) record for your company is not current and accurate. AOs should register now to allow Backup Authorized Officials and End Users time to register. In addition, suppliers whose AOs do not register now run the risk of experiencing delays in accessing the on-line bidding system to get a bidder number and thereby missing the opportunity to submit financial documents by the Covered Document Review Date (CDRD). Register now at www.dmecompetitivebid.com.

Background:

On August 3, 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) issued the bidding timeline for the Round 1 Rebid of the DMEPOS competitive bidding program and initiated a comprehensive bidder education campaign. CMS' Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) is the focal point for bidder education. Please visit the CBIC's dedicated website, www.dmecompetitivebid.com, for important information, including bidding rules, user guides, frequently asked questions, policy fact sheets, checklists, and bidding information charts. The CBIC toll-free help desk, 1-877-577-5331, is open to help bidders with all of their questions and concerns. All suppliers interested in bidding are urged to sign up for e-mail updates on the home page of the CBIC website.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 & Reference Conference ID: 35206461

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning Monday, October 26, 2009.

For Open Door Forum schedule updates, E-Mailing list subscriptions, and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoorforums/>. Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.