

***Medicare
Demonstration
Directory for
Home Medical
Products***

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Round Two

**Important new information for
Medicare recipients in
Polk County, Florida**

September 2001

Information valid through September 30, 2002

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Medicare's ongoing medical supply program for the Polk County area

If you live in **Polk County**, Florida, Medicare is changing how you rent or buy medical supplies and equipment for health care at home. If you or a family member uses medical supplies or equipment, such as oxygen or a hospital bed, read this booklet to find out how an ongoing Medicare program can help you save money.

Starting in October 2001, you will need to buy medical supplies or rent equipment from a list of Medicare-Preferred Suppliers. These suppliers are preferred by Medicare because they have agreed to provide you with the best price and service in your area. If you go to other suppliers, you will have to pay the full cost of the medical supplies or equipment yourself.

This guide helps you find a Medicare-Preferred Supplier for what you need.

Note: If you belong to or join a Medicare+ Choice plan, such as a Medicare HMO, or if you do not need medical supplies or equipment for health care at home, there will be no changes in your Medicare benefits.

Why Medicare is continuing the Competitive Bidding program

Medicare wants to be sure you get good service and that you are not paying too much for the supplies you need. Medicare is finding new ways to save you money.

This preferred-supplier program is a small, local program that will show if money can be saved and services improved. If this demonstration program is successful, other areas of the country may adopt it to save money and improve services.

In this demonstration, Medicare is asking you to use certain suppliers when you buy medical supplies or rent medical equipment. These companies competed to serve you by promising lower prices and better service than other suppliers serving Polk County, Florida. A list of these companies starts on page 7.

There will be many benefits to this program:

- You will pay less out-of-pocket than you do now for the equipment and supplies included in the program.
- You will receive higher quality services and

products because Medicare has thoroughly reviewed these suppliers.

- This program will save money for Medicare so that it can serve you better in the coming years.

This program will end on September 30, 2002. After the program ends, you can buy and rent equipment as you have in the past. If this program is successful, Medicare may continue the program, or expand it to other parts of the country.

How the program works

The second round of this program begins October 1, 2001 for Medicare Part B recipients who live in Polk County. If you need any of the following equipment or supplies, you need to rent or buy them from a Medicare-Preferred Supplier:

- Hospital beds and accessories,
- Oxygen, equipment and related supplies,
- Urological supplies, and
- Surgical dressings

Enteral Nutrition products are no longer included in the demonstration and will return to normal Medicare prices. Therefore, you may see an increase

in your co-payment.

When you buy or rent from a Medicare-Preferred Supplier, you pay only 20% of the Medicare price for your supplies (after your annual \$100 deductible). Medicare will pay the rest directly to the supplier. You do not need to file any claims to Medicare.

You are asked to rent or purchase only the items listed on page 3 from the Medicare-Preferred Suppliers. If you use any other home medical equipment, you can continue to buy them as you have in the past. Your relationships with doctors, hospitals and other health care providers will not change.

You may keep your current arrangements

Starting October 1, 2001 you must buy or rent the products listed on page 3 from Medicare-Preferred Suppliers in order for Medicare to pay for the items.

But if you currently

- Rent oxygen equipment, or
- Rent a hospital bed

you may continue to get these from your current supplier. However, your supplier will have to accept

Medicare's prices.

If you travel

Your Medicare-Preferred Supplier can often make arrangements for you with another supplier in the event that you are traveling.

If you are traveling outside Polk County, and your Medicare-Preferred Supplier cannot provide the items or services you need, you can buy or rent them from other companies. Medicare will use its usual payment policy in these instances.

What if I buy or rent from a supplier that is not listed here

Medicare will deny claims for items from companies that are not on the preferred list. **If you do not use a Medicare-Preferred Supplier for the products included in this program (see page 3), you will be responsible for paying the full cost.**

The exception to this is if you currently rent oxygen equipment, and/or a hospital bed, and your supplier agrees to accept Medicare's prices.

For more information

Medicare has a person who will work to answer many of your questions about this program. She can meet with you, members of your club or group, and with medical professionals. Please feel free to call her toll free:

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1-888-289-0710

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers

This directory lists the Medicare-Preferred Suppliers in alphabetical order. Check marks show the products available from each supplier.

Only companies listed in this directory are preferred by Medicare to provide the products listed on page 3. If you use a company not listed here, you will have to pay the full cost yourself.

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers

American HomePatient

6301 Benjamin Road, Suite 107
Tampa, FL 33634
Phone: (863) 401-8878

Atlantic Medical Supply, Inc.

4702 SW 74 Avenue
Miami, FL 33155
Toll Free: (888) 774-1004

Desoto Home Health Care, Inc.

508 S. 6th Avenue
Wauchula, FL 33873
Phone: (863) 773-9115 Toll Free: (800) 780-4755

DME Zone

219 W. Cypress
Kissimmee, FL 34741
Toll Free: (800) 667-2767

Demonstration Products

OXYGEN	HOSPITAL BEDS	SURGICAL DRESSINGS	UROLOGICAL SUPPLIES
	✓		
✓	✓		
✓	✓		
	✓		

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers

Florida Medical Equipment Services

502 N. Mobley Street, Suite 2
Plant City, FL 33566
Phone: (813) 719-8515

Garrett's Medical Supply, Inc.

485 First Street N.
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Phone: (863) 293-9747 Toll Free: (800) 572-0651

Health Alliance, Inc.

875 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2935
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: (312) 988-1772

Health Care Diagnostics, Inc.

610 Magnolia Avenue
Auburndale, FL 33823
Phone: (863) 965-8510 Toll Free: (888) 470-0202

Demonstration Products

OXYGEN	HOSPITAL BEDS	SURGICAL DRESSINGS	UROLOGICAL SUPPLIES
✓			
			✓
			✓
✓	✓		

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers

Jernigan Healthcare, Inc.

1420 Northbrook Drive, Suite 120
 Gardendale, AL 35071
 Toll Free: (800) 803-6041

Lincare

837 E. Parker Street
 Lakeland, FL 33801
 Phone: (863) 688-7717

Medex 7 Inc. D/B/A Med-Services Network

2539 S. Florida Avenue
 Lakeland, FL 33803
 Phone: (863) 680-1110 Toll Free: (877) 355-3115

Medi-Health Care, Inc.

401 Bartow Highway
 Lakeland, FL 33801
 Phone: (863) 686-0300 Toll Free: (800) 741-1511

Demonstration Products

OXYGEN	HOSPITAL BEDS	SURGICAL DRESSINGS	UROLOGICAL SUPPLIES
		✓	✓
✓			
✓	✓		
✓	✓	✓	✓

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers

Medline HealthCare Company

10601 Southport Drive
Orlando, FL 32824
Toll Free: (800) 400-4141

QualiMed Respiratory and Mobility, Inc.

395 E. Main Street
Bartow, FL 33830
Phone: (863) 519-9662 Toll Free: (877) 519-9662

RespiCare of Central Florida

Corporate Headquarters
1924 Dairy Road
West Melbourne, FL 32904
Toll Free: (800) 798-5053

Sun Care

1140 Havendale Boulevard
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Phone: (863) 293-6533

Demonstration Products

OXYGEN	HOSPITAL BEDS	SURGICAL DRESSINGS	UROLOGICAL SUPPLIES
		✓	✓
✓			
✓			
✓	✓		

Where to call for help with your Medicare questions

1-888-289-0710

For questions about this demonstration.

1-800-583-2236

For questions about home health and hospice services, or about home medical products not listed on page 3.

1-800-333-7586

For questions about hospital, nursing home, physician or nurse practitioner services.

1-800-772-1213

To change your address or report a lost Medicare card.

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

TTY/TDD: (1-877-486-2048)

For general information about Medicare.

1-800-447-8477

To report fraud or abuse of the Medicare program.

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