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DMEPOS COMPETITIVE BIDDING ROUND 2 IS COMING SOON

The Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program Round 2 and the national mail-order competitions are coming soon. Though the bidding schedule has not yet been released, suppliers interested in bidding should begin their preparations now to help avoid unnecessary delays or rejection of a bid application.

Any supplier who plans to participate in the Bidding Program Round 2 or Mail Order Competitions should begin its preparation now by:

UPDATING THE SUPPLIER'S INFORMATION WITH NATIONAL SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE (NSC).

If a supplier's file is not current, the supplier may experience delays and/or be unable to register and bid. DMEPOS suppliers should review and update all supplier information on file with NSC, including but not limited to the name, Social Security number, and date of birth for all authorized official(s), as well as the correspondence address. DMEPOS suppliers can update their enrollment via the internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) or by using the 7/11 version of the CMS-855S enrollment form.

OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY LICENSES.

Before a supplier submits a bid for a product category in a Competitive Bidding Area, the supplier must have all required state licenses for that product category on file with the NSC. Every location must be licensed in each state in which it provides services. NSC may reject a bid if any license are expired or missing from a supplier's enrollment file.

OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION.

Suppliers must be accredited for all items in a product category in order to submit a bid for that product category. Suppliers should verify they are accredited for all items in any product category they plan to bid on.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the foregoing or would like additional information, please contact your regular Hall Render attorney, or Todd Selby at tselby@hallrender.com or 317.977.1440, or Kendra Conover at kconover@hallrender.com or 317.977.1456.