

CMS ANNOUNCES TIMELINE FOR ROUND 2 OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") announced yesterday the timeline for Round 2 competitive bidding for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Suppliers ("DMEPOS"), with registration set to begin on **December 5, 2011**.

According to the release from CMS, the 60-day bid window for Round 2 and the National Mail-Order Competition for Diabetic Supplies opens on **January 30, 2012** and closes on March 30.

Other important dates include:

- **December 22:** "Authorized officials" are strongly encouraged to register no later than this.
- **January 12:** "Backup authorized" officials are strongly encouraged to register no later than this.
- **February 9:** Registration closes.
- **February 28:** Document review date for bidders to submit financial documents.

Also posted at the competitive bidding website yesterday were 21 new documents that provide critical information for Round 2. The documents provide information on grandfathering, financial documentation, exemptions, enteral nutrition, capacity and expansion plans, contract supplier obligations, national mail-order competition for diabetic supplies, eligibility requirements, specialty suppliers, subcontracting and other details.

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