

What's New

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is required by law to recompetete contracts under the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program at least once every three years. The Round 1 Recompetete contract period expires on December 31, 2016. On April 21, 2015, CMS announced plans to recompetete the contracts for the Round 1 Recompetete.

CMS has incorporated the following changes to the program:

Competitive Bidding Areas (CBAs)

CBAs that were located in multi-state metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) during Round 1 Recompetete have been defined so that no CBA is included in more than one state. As a result, the number of CBAs has expanded from nine to 13 in Round 1 2017. For more detailed information, please see the [Competitive Bidding Areas \(CBAs\)](#) fact sheet.

Product Categories

Round 1 2017 includes the following seven product categories:

- Enteral Nutrients, Equipment and Supplies
- General Home Equipment and Related Supplies and Accessories
 - includes hospital beds and related accessories, group 1 and 2 support surfaces, commode chairs, patient lifts, and seat lifts
- Nebulizers and Related Supplies
- Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) Pumps and Related Supplies and Accessories
- Respiratory Equipment and Related Supplies and Accessories
 - includes oxygen, oxygen equipment, and supplies; continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices and respiratory assist devices (RADs) and related supplies and accessories
- Standard Mobility Equipment and Related Accessories
 - includes walkers, standard power and manual wheelchairs, scooters, and related accessories
- Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) Devices and Supplies

The external infusion pumps and supplies product category, which was bid in the Round 1 Recompetete, is not included in Round 1 2017. Lists of the Round 1 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes are on the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) website under *Product Categories*.

Registration and Bidding Process

New Registration System - EIDM (CMS' Enterprise Identity Management)

Before you can access the on-line DMEPOS Bidding System (DBidS), you will need to register in EIDM to receive an EIDM User ID and establish a password. You will then need to add the DBidS application to your EIDM profile.

An authorized official (AO) in the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) should register ONE time in EIDM with ONE active Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN) in DBidS. The only

two exceptions to this rule are 1) if you are bidding as a primary network member and also bidding independently in another CBA and product category competition(s); and 2) if your organization has separate entities, such as subsidiaries, that are bidding in a separate CBA and product category competition(s). If one of these two exceptions apply, you should then register a different PTAN for each type of bid.

Bidders are not allowed to bid against themselves for the same CBA and product category. Suppliers that are commonly owned or commonly controlled bidders cannot bid for the same product category in the same CBA.

Please refer to the [EIDM Reference Guide](#) for additional information and guidance.

DBidS

Many improvements have been made to DBidS since Round 1 Re compete to make it easier and faster for you to complete your bid(s) including the following highlights:

- Location information will be pre-populated with your enrollment data (address, National Provider Identifier (NPI), Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), etc.) from PECOS.
- You can easily add locations that have the same TIN or different TINs that are associated with your business organization since this information will also be pre-populated with data from PECOS. You will not have to enter location information other than the toll-free number on your bid(s).
- You can sort and/or filter many of the tables in DBidS.
- You will be able to copy your expansion plan and manufacturer information from one bid to another.
- You will be able to select manufacturer, model name, and model number from pre-populated drop-down lists in most instances.
- The status page will alert you to important information such as your total number of bids and the current status of your bid, whether it is complete and if not complete, what is missing. You should check this page often to confirm the status of your bid (s).
- If you have an incomplete or pending Form A or Form B, you will be sent an e-mail alert during the last week of bidding to remind you to complete and approve your Form A and complete and certify Form B.

Preliminary Bid Evaluation

After bidding closes, you will receive an e-mail from the CBIC that the preliminary review of your bid(s) has been completed and a notification of the findings is posted in DBidS. This notification will inform you if your bid(s) is eligible for further consideration and, if not, what enrollment requirement(s) (active PTAN, accredited, licensed, commonly owned or commonly controlled) was not met by the close of the bid window. This notification will give you the opportunity, if applicable, to verify that your location(s) met the identified enrollment requirement(s) by the closing of the bid window. This preliminary evaluation does not include the review of your required financial documents, which is a separate notification process. For more information, see the [Preliminary Bid Evaluation](#) fact sheet.