## **Licensure for Bidding Suppliers**

Suppliers submitting a bid for a product category in a competitive bidding area (CBA) must meet all Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) state licensure requirements and other applicable state licensure requirements, if any, for that product category. As part of the bid evaluation, we will verify with the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) that each location listed on Form A of the online DMEPOS Bidding System (DBidS) for a particular CBA and product category has all required licenses for that CBA and product category. In order to be eligible to be awarded a contract, a bidder must possess the applicable license(s) by the close of the bid window. Contract suppliers must maintain compliance with all state licensure requirements throughout the duration of the contract period.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be conducting the national mail-order recompete for diabetic testing supplies at the same time as Round 2 Recompete. The national mail-order recompete will include all parts of the United States, including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. Suppliers bidding in the national mail-order recompete must possess all applicable licenses in order to be awarded a contract in this competition. Please note that not all states require a license for mail-order diabetic supplies. It is up to each supplier to confirm which states do require a license to mail diabetic testing supplies, obtain those licenses, and submit them to the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC). For the national mail-order recompete, every supplier location must be licensed as applicable for each state in which it provides services by the close of the bid window.

A licensure guide for each state, the District of Columbia, and the territories may be found on the NSC website at <u>www.palmettogba.com/NSC</u>. These guides provide general licensure requirements for each product category included in the Competitive Bidding Program and contact information for each state's licensing board or agency. **These are only guides.** Licensing requirements change periodically, and it remains the responsibility of the bidding supplier to identify and obtain all required licenses. For more information about licensure requirements, please consult the appropriate license issuing agency listed on the guides or call the NSC at 866-238-9652.



