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<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 12221</b>	<b>Date: August 24, 2023</b>
	<b>Change Request 13315</b>

**SUBJECT: Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) – January 2024**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide instructions for updating the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) files. These files are updated on a quarterly basis in order to implement necessary changes to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, ZIP code, and single payment amount files. These requirements provide instruction for implementing the DMEPOS CBP files during a temporary gap period of the DMEPOS CBP. This recurring update notification applies to chapter 23, section 100.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 2, 2024**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)**

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**

# Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) was mandated by Congress through the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. The statute requires that Medicare replace the current fee schedule payment methodology for selected DMEPOS items with a competitive bidding process. The intent is to improve the effectiveness of the Medicare methodology for setting DMEPOS payment amounts, which will reduce beneficiary out-of-pocket expenses and save the Medicare program money while ensuring beneficiary access to quality items and services.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has competed multiple rounds of the DMEPOS CBP since 2011. However, due to a delay in the announcement of a round of the DMEPOS CBP, there was a temporary gap period in the DMEPOS CBP from 2019 through 2020. During that time, CMS made changes to the DMEPOS CBP and awarded Round 2021 DMEPOS CBP Contracts.

On October 27, 2020, the CMS announced the single payment amounts (SPAs) and began offering contracts for the off-the-shelf (OTS) back braces and OTS knee braces product categories. All other product categories that were included in prior rounds of the DMEPOS CBP were removed from Round 2021. Round 2021 of the DMEPOS CBP was implemented on January 1, 2021, and extends through December 31, 2023. Round 2021 consolidates the competitive bidding areas (CBAs) that were included in Round 1 2017 and Round 2 Recompete. Round 2021 includes 127 CBAs.

Starting January 1, 2024, there will be a temporary gap period in the DMEPOS CBP. CMS plans to conduct bidding for the next round of the DMEPOS CBP after going through formal public notice and comment rulemaking to implement necessary changes to the DMEPOS CBP. The necessary changes will continue to help Medicare set market-based prices, save money for beneficiaries and taxpayers, and help to limit fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare program, while ensuring access to quality items.

**B. Policy:** In implementing the DMEPOS CBP, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issues recurring update notifications on a quarterly basis. Instructions for updating the DMEPOS CBP files are included in these transmittals. The DMEPOS CBP files are provided to the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor via CMS's mainframe telecommunication system on a quarterly basis.

The Virtual Data Center (VDC) transmits the DMEPOS CBP files when received from the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) to the ViPS Medicare System (VMS), and VMS makes the file updates available to the contractors for use in processing DMEPOS CBP claims. Automated entry of the file additions,



Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC		D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B		H H H	F I S S	M C S	V M S	
	<p>CBA ZIP Code File</p> <p>HCPCS File</p> <p>CBA Pricing File</p>								
13315.3	<p>During the testing phase of this Change Request (CR), the VDC shall retrieve the CBA ZIP code file, HCPCS File, and the CBA Pricing File via Connect: Direct under the following dataset names:</p> <p>T#EFT.ON.CBAZIPQ.C24Q01</p> <p>T#EFT.ON.PRICEQ.C24Q01</p> <p>T#EFT.ON.HCATGQ.C24Q01</p>								VDC
13315.4	<p>During the production phase of this CR, the VDC shall transmit the CBA ZIP code file, HCPCS File and the CBA Pricing File to VMS via Connect: Direct under the following dataset names:</p> <p>P#EFT.ON.CBAZIPQ.C24Q01</p> <p>P#EFT.ON.PRICEQ.C24Q01</p> <p>P#EFT.ON.HCATGQ.C24Q01</p>								VDC
13315.5	<p>The VDC shall automate the retrieval process for refreshing these files quarterly.</p>								VDC
13315.6	<p>The DME MACs, PDAC contractor, and VDC shall load these files quarterly.</p>				X				PDAC, VDC

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13315.7	The VDC shall receive notice via technical direction in the event the dataset names listed in business requirements 13315.3 and 13315.4 are changed for any reason.									VDC
13315.8	The Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) shall pull in the correct files for reason code 31716.					X				

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

### V. CONTACTS

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

## **VI. FUNDING**

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