



Quarterly Update for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) - October 2021

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for providers and suppliers submitting claims to Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) items or services Medicare pays for using the DMEPOS fee schedule.

Provider Action Needed

This Article provides specific instruction for implementing the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) files. Medicare updates the DMEPOS CBP files on a quarterly basis to implement necessary changes to HCPCS codes, ZIP codes, and single payment amounts. Please make certain your billing staff is aware of these changes.

Background

Congress initiated the DMEPOS CBP through the [Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003](#). The statute requires that Medicare replace the fee schedule payment method for selected DMEPOS items with a competitive bidding process. The intent is to improve the effectiveness of the Medicare method for setting DMEPOS payment amounts, which will reduce patient out-of-pocket expenses and save the Medicare program money while ensuring patient access to quality items and services.

CMS issues update notifications on a quarterly basis. CR 12298 gives the DME MACs the latest update instructions. We make available the competitive bidding files to the DME MACs and the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor. We make additions, updates, or deletions on a quarterly basis for the following 3 files:

- Competitive Bidding Area (CBA) ZIP code
- HCPCS
- CBA pricing

More Information

We issued [CR 12298](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

See the [Quarterly Updates](#) for more details. We will post updates for this quarter, October – December, 2021, on or around October 1, 2021.

Document History

Date of Change	Description
June 11, 2021	Initial article released.

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