

Bidding Suppliers: Round 2 & National Mail-Order - TIMELINE

11/30/2011

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announces bidding timeline, begins bidder education program

12/5/2011*

Registration for user IDs and passwords begins

12/22/2011*

Authorized Officials are strongly encouraged to register no later than this date

1/12/2012*

Backup Authorized Officials are strongly encouraged to register no later than this date

1/30/2012*

CMS opens 60-day bid window for Round 2 and National Mail-Order Competitions

2/9/2012*

Registration closes

2/29/2012*

Covered Document Review Date for bids to submit financial documents

3/30/2012*

60-day bid window closes

Fall 2012*

CMS announces single payment amounts, begins contracting process

Spring 2013*

CMS announces contract suppliers, begins contract supplier education campaign

Spring 2013*

CMS begins supplier, referral agent, and beneficiary education campaign

July 1, 2013*

Implementation of Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Round 2 and National Mail-Order Competition contracts and prices

* = Target date. Actual date will be announced through listserv notice.

Keep informed – follow this link to sign up for listserve:

<http://www.dmecompetitivebid.com/cbic/CBICregistration.nsf/profile?OpenForm>

Changes in Round 2 competitive bid items

K0005s / E1030 & E0986 will not be part of this round of CBE

Thanks to many industry leaders for their hard work, and continued dedication to working together, a few delays have been announced for this new round of CB items. This is at least some relief for complex rehab providers.

K0005s (Ultra light weight wheelchairs)

E0986 (Power assist)

E1030 (w/c Vent Tray)

After consideration of feedback from stakeholders, **CMS has removed ultra lightweight manual wheelchairs, gimbaled ventilator trays, and push activated power assist devices from the standard wheelchair product category for Round 2.** CMS expects to phase in these items in a future round.

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