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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** RHCF and Community Services Members

**FROM:** Patrick Cucinelli, Senior Financial Policy Analyst

**DATE:** June 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** **Revised Phase 2 Competitive Bidding Deadline**

**ROUTE TO:** Administrator, CFO

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ABSTRACT: CMS postpones competitive bidding phase two accreditation deadline.

### Introduction

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a final rule establishing a competitive acquisition program (CAP) for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) furnished to Medicare beneficiaries under Part B. The program essentially requires that all DMEPOS suppliers, including oxygen suppliers, in designated competitive bidding areas submit bids to CMS in order to be an authorized provider under the Part B program. **As currently established, this process will cover nursing homes and home health agencies (HHAs) providing certain Part B supplies to their own residents/patients.**

[NYAHS Doc. ID # N00002038](#) provides members with detailed information on the subject, including a link to a comprehensive PowerPoint™ reference.

### Revised Accreditation Deadline

We are now in the second phase of the national rollout of the CAP, which includes two New York competitive bidding areas (CBAs): *New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA*, and *Syracuse, NY*. Providers in these two CBAs that wish to continue to provide covered Part B supplies to their residents/patients will have to have initiated the accreditation process in order to participate in phase two of the CAP.

CMS has posted the following revised information on the Round Two accreditation at the following Web site (<http://dmecompetitivebid.com/palmetto/cbic.nsf/DocsCat/Home>):

*Get Accredited For DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Round Two*

*In order to participate in the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program, suppliers must meet quality standards and be accredited by a CMS-approved Deemed Accreditation Organization. Suppliers that are interested in bidding in the second round of the program must be aware of two key deadlines:*

***Suppliers must be accredited or have applied for accreditation by July 21, 2008 (formerly May 14, 2008) to submit a bid for the second round of competitive bidding. CMS cannot accept a bid from any supplier that is not accredited or that has not applied for accreditation by July 21, 2008 (formerly May 14, 2008.)***

*Suppliers will need to be accredited to be awarded a contract. **The accreditation deadline for the second round of competitive bidding is January 14, 2009 (formerly October 31, 2008.)** Suppliers must be accredited before this date to be awarded a contract. Suppliers should apply for accreditation immediately to allow adequate time to process their applications.*

*For a list of the CMS-approved Deemed Accreditation Organizations, visit [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/01\\_Overview.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage). For information about the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding program, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DMEPOSCompetitiveBid>.*

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