



DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME) COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Will Cost More Than 100,000 Jobs

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding is set to be implemented January 1, 2011 in nine of the United States' largest metropolitan areas (Round One). The program is to be expanded by 91 cities the following year (Round Two).¹ Competitive bidding is set to cost more than 80,000 American jobs in bid areas over the next three years, with totals likely to exceed 100,000 in all areas.

93 percent of local providers will not be awarded competitive bidding contracts².

As a result of the original bidding process, only 7 percent of local providers were awarded contracts. Through regulatory analysis of CMS-1561-IFC, CMS expressed the likelihood that re-bid results are likely to very closely resemble those stemming from the original bidding process.

42 percent of non-contract providers are likely to go out of business.

The average DME provider counts on Medicare for 42 percent of their revenue³. If 42 percent of all revenue is taken from a sector of an industry, it's likely the resulting consolidation will result in a reduction of an approximately equal percent of existing companies.

39 percent of all suppliers located in competitive bidding areas are likely to go out of business.

The 42 percent reduction in revenue for the 93 percent of providers who will not be awarded contracts will result in a 39 percent reduction in providers and associated jobs.

12,000 employees are set to lose their jobs through the first round of bidding.

The average DME employs 10 FTE⁴. The reduction of nearly 1,200 supplier locations will result in nearly 12,000 lost jobs in 2011 within the nine Round One competitive bidding areas.

¹ CMS-1270-F expands the program by 70 cities, while the Affordable Health Care for America Act adds an additional 21

² 2008 Competitive Bidding Results

³ HME News 2009 Financial Survey

⁴ Based on an average of \$120,000 in revenue per FTE and 2008 National Health Expenditure data

More than 80,000 employees will lose their jobs through the implementation of the first two rounds of competitive bidding.

Competitive bidding implementation in the nine Round One areas, 70 Round Two areas and 21 areas to be added through health care reform legislation will collectively result in more than 80,000 lost jobs within the 100 bid areas.

The closing of branch location of CBA-based providers outside of bid areas will likely bring job loss totals to more than 100,000 by 2014.

The competitive bidding program will start a domino effect, with the number of lost jobs attributed to its implementation likely to far exceed 100,000. Providers centrally located within a bid area and satellite branches outside of bid areas will close, resulting in lost jobs even outside bid areas.

Medicaid and private insurers will reduce payment rates due to the program, further expanding the effect on providers.

Generally Medicaid and private insurers follow Medicare's lead when setting reimbursement rates for DME. Bid rates will undoubtedly result in significant reduction in payment from all payers, only reinforcing the fact that more than 100,000 jobs will be lost as a result of direct and indirect effects of the program.

Even contract suppliers will lose on average 33 percent of their Medicare business, and 14 percent of their overall patient base.

For the 7 percent of local suppliers receiving contracts, the average DME will only receive four of six bid product category contracts, based on original Round One results.

Finances will not allow for significant shifts in jobs from non-Medicare suppliers to Medicare-contracted suppliers.

Analysts and economists have concurred. The anticipated reductions in Medicare reimbursement will be such that suppliers awarded contracts will not have the financial wherewithal to take on additional staff. There will be no measurable shift in employment from "losing bidders" who are forced out of business to "winning bidders" who must take on the entire Medicare market.

ALL OF THIS COULD BE PREVENTED BY PASSING H.R. 3790,
budget neutral and bi-partisan legislation to repeal the DME competitive bidding program.
SUPPORT FOR H.R. 3790 WILL SAVE MORE THAN 100,000 AMERICAN JOBS
and ensure continuing beneficiary access to quality care.



Competitive Bidding Will Cost More Than 80,000 Jobs

MSA	Provider Locations	Population >65	Number of Anticipated Contracts to be Awarded Per Category in Each CBA										Contracts	Contract Suppliers	In-State Suppliers	Out-of-State Suppliers	Lost Locations	Lost Jobs	Patient/FTE Pre-Bidding	Medicare Contractor Patient/FTE Post-Bidding	FTE Workload Factor
			Oxygen	Standard PMD	Mail-Order Diabetic	Enteral Nutrition	CPAP/RAD	Hospital Beds	Walkers	Support Surfaces											
Round One																					
Charlotte, NC	161	184,074	10	6	5	6	8	8	6	49	12	10	2	63	633			272	1827	6.71	
Cincinnati, OH	186	296,367	16	10	8	10	13	13	9	79	19	16	2	71	712			379	1923	5.07	
Cleveland, OH	192	373,855	20	13	10	12	16	17	12	100	24	21	3	72	719			464	1996	4.31	
Dallas, TX	520	550,311	30	19	15	18	24	25	18	147	35	31	5	206	2,056			252	1808	7.18	
Kansas City, MO	224	267,862	14	9	7	9	12	12	9	72	17	15	2	88	878			285	1838	6.46	
Miami, FL	955	1,022,022	55	35	27	33	45	46	33	312	74	65	10	374	3,739			255	1619	6.35	
Orlando, FL	171	284,126	15	10	8	9	12	13	9	76	18	16	2	65	652			396	1937	4.90	
Pittsburgh, PA	406	505,549	27	17	14	16	22	23	16	135	32	28	4	159	1,587			296	1849	6.24	
Riverside, CA	264	428,429	23	15	11	14	19	19	14	115	27	24	4	101	1,009	11,986		386	1929	4.99	
Round Two																					
Akron, OH	66	114,054	6	5	3	5	5	5	5	34	8	7	1	25	247			411	1776	4.32	
Albuquerque, NM	59	108,604	6	5	3	5	5	5	5	34	8	7	1	22	218			438	1749	3.99	
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA	67	140,590	8	5	4	5	6	6	5	39	9	8	1	25	248			500	1980	3.96	
Asheville, NC	59	83,207	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	22	219			336	1368	4.07	
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	411	461,348	25	16	12	15	20	21	15	124	29	26	4	162	1,619			267	1822	6.82	
Augusta-Richmond County, GA	62	70,476	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	23	232			271	1147	4.24	
Austin-Round Rock, TX	82	128,257	7	5	3	5	6	6	5	37	9	8	1	31	312			372	1815	4.87	
Bakersfield, CA	53	79,278	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	19	194			356	1334	3.75	
Baton Rouge, LA	114	87,700	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	45	450			183	1291	7.05	
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	48	62,959	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	17	173			312	1084	3.47	
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	151	173,257	9	6	5	6	8	8	6	46	11	10	1	59	594			273	1828	6.69	
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	42	122,535	7	5	3	5	5	5	5	36	9	7	1	15	145			695	2054	2.96	
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	56	145,102	8	5	4	5	6	6	5	40	9	8	1	20	201			617	2096	3.40	
Charleston-North Charleston, SC	64	74,619	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	24	240			278	1207	4.35	
Chattanooga, TN-GA	74	82,084	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	28	282			264	1292	4.89	
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN	759	1,229,600	67	43	33	39	54	55	39	330	78	68	10	290	2,901			386	1929	5.00	
Colorado Springs, CO	42	62,527	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	15	148			354	1113	3.14	
Columbia, SC	104	87,823	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	41	408			201	1309	6.51	
Columbus, OH	156	208,832	11	7	6	7	9	9	7	56	13	12	2	61	606			319	1869	5.86	
Dayton, OH	73	139,863	8	5	4	5	6	6	5	39	9	8	1	27	273			456	1940	4.25	
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	51	120,502	7	5	3	5	5	5	5	35	8	7	1	18	183			563	1938	3.44	
Denver-Aurora, CO	158	257,466	14	9	7	8	11	12	8	69	16	14	2	60	604			388	1931	4.98	
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	660	657,057	36	23	18	21	29	29	21	176	42	37	5	262	2,619			237	1794	7.57	
El Paso, TX	77	85,177	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	29	295			263	1331	5.05	
Flint, MI	55	65,782	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	20	202			285	1098	3.86	
Fresno, CA	71	98,259	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	27	269			330	1546	4.69	
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	79	98,908	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	30	303			298	1525	5.12	
Greensboro-High Point, NC	63	105,666	6	5	3	5	5	5	5	34	8	7	1	24	241			399	1685	4.22	
Greenville, SC	67	90,441	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	25	253			321	1450	4.51	
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	125	192,633	10	7	5	6	8	9	6	52	12	11	2	48	480			367	1912	5.21	
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land, TX	412	489,090	26	17	13	16	21	22	16	131	31	27	4	162	1,616			283	1836	6.50	
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	54	55,145	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	20	198			243	924	3.80	
Indianapolis, IN	212	212,075	11	7	6	7	9	9	7	57	14	12	2	84	841			238	1796	7.54	
Jackson, MS	97	68,755	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	38	379			169	1035	6.13	
Jacksonville, FL	92	162,591	9	6	4	5	7	7	5	44	10	9	1	35	348			421	1959	4.66	
Knoxville, TN	91	108,090	6	5	3	5	5	5	5	34	8	7	1	35	353			283	1609	5.69	
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	43	114,846	6	5	3	5	5	5	5	34	8	7	1	15	151			636	1967	3.09	
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	149	272,523	15	9	7	9	12	12	9	73	17	15	2	56	562			435	1972	4.53	
Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR	96	88,833	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	37	374			220	1340	6.08	
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	1,970	1,469,249	79	51	39	47	64	66	47	394	94	82	12	793	7,931			178	1739	9.79	
Louisville, KY-IN	126	183,060	10	6	5	6	8	8	6	49	12	10	2	49	486			346	1893	5.47	
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr, TX	162	78,059	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	33	8	7	1	65	652			115	1104	9.63	
Memphis, TN	189	158,664	9	5	4	5	7	7	5	43	10	9	1	76	757			200	1760	8.80	
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	139	231,314	13	8	6	7	10	10	7	62	15	13	2	53	530			396	1938	4.89	
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN	381	358,033	19	12	10	11	16	16	11	96	23	20	3	152	1,517			224	1782	7.97	



Notes

Provider Locations: Number of provider locations in each MSA (provided by The Weeks Group, Inc.)
Population >65: Medicare population in each MSA (provided by The Weeks Group, Inc.)

Number of Anticipated Contracts to be Awarded Per

Category in Each CBA: Based on original Round One bidding average beneficiary/contract supplier ratios, the number of contracts expected to be awarded for each category in each competitive bidding area

Contracts: The total number of product category contracts to be awarded in each CBA

Contract Suppliers: The total number of suppliers to be awarded contracts, based on the Round One results of 4.198133 contracts/contract supplier

In-State Suppliers: The total number suppliers to be awarded contracts who are currently located within the state they bid, based on Round One results

Lost Locations: The total number of locations that will likely go out of business as a result of bidding; based on a rate of 42% of local suppliers not awarded contracts

Lost Jobs: The total number of jobs lost due to bidding per CBA; based on a rate of 10 FTE per location

% of In-State Suppliers Winning Contracts: The overall % of suppliers winning contracts that are currently located within the state they are bidding

% with no contracts: The overall % of suppliers located within CBAs who will no longer have the ability to provide to Medicare patients

% of Suppliers Going Out of Business: The overall % of suppliers located within CBAs likely to go out of business as a result of bidding

Providers Going Out of Business: The overall # of suppliers located within CBAs likely to go out of business as a result of bidding

Jobs Lost: The total number of jobs likely to be lost as a result of bidding

Current Patient/FTE Ratio: Current ratio of all patients (not just Medicare) to FTE per location

Post-Bidding Patient/FTE Ratio for Medicare Providers: Projected ratio of all patients per Medicare-contracted location based on projected bidding results

