

## Media Advisory

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### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to Host Bidding Education Sessions**

*Region VII partners, advocates, caregivers, providers and referral agents encouraged to attend*

TOPEKA – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Region VII is pleased to be hosting two pre-implementation education sessions on the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetic, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program.

The DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program is a change to the Medicare program scheduled to go into effect for Medicare beneficiaries with Original Medicare in 91 Competitive Bidding Areas (CBAs), including Wichita Kan., across the country starting July 1, 2013.

Under this program, CMS will be awarding contracts to suppliers for certain categories of DMEPOS in the CBAs. Once the program begins, patients with Original Medicare who live in or travel to a CBA and who need certain medical equipment and supplies will have to get the equipment or supplies from a DMEPOS Medicare contract supplier. To ensure that Medicare patients' medical equipment and supplies will be covered, partners and providers will need to help beneficiaries find a supplier that is a Medicare contract supplier.

This session will provide you an opportunity to learn about the program in detail as well as resources available to insure patients maximize the benefits of this program. The Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) liaison for Region VII, Michal Mitko, will be conducting the session and pre-registration for this event is not required.

If you have any questions about this session, please do not hesitate to contact Michal at 913-884-6008 or via e-mail at Michal.Mitko@PalmettoGBA.com.

### **Session 1: CMS DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Education Session**

**WHO:** Community partners, advocates, and caregivers

**WHEN:** Friday, June 14, 2013, 9 a.m.

**WHERE:** Sedgwick County Extension Center, 7001 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street North, Wichita

### **Session 2: CMS DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Education Session**

**WHO:** Providers and referral agents

**WHEN:** Friday, June 14, 2013, 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sedgwick County Extension Center, 7001 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street North, Wichita

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