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DMEPOS COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Medicare will begin implementation of a new competitive bidding program on July 1, 2008 in 10 communities, including the Kansas City Metropolitan Area or Missouri/Kansas Competitive Bidding Area (CBA) for selected Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) items with a competitive bid process. For Medicare beneficiaries whose permanent residence is in 1 of the 10 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) affected by the first phase of this program, only contract suppliers will be eligible to provide competitive bid items and receive payment from Medicare. Complete information on the competitive bidding process can be found on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DMEPOSCompetitiveBid/>.

MO HealthNet will continue to align its policy with Medicare for dual eligible participants. If Medicare denies reimbursement for a DME service that was provided to a participant by a non-contract supplier, MO HealthNet will also deny reimbursement for the item.

In addition, the participant is not liable for payment unless the non-contract supplier in a CBA has informed the beneficiary in writing prior to receiving the item that there would be no Medicare or MO HealthNet coverage due to the supplier's contract status, and that the participant understands that he/she will be liable for all costs that the non-contract supplier may charge the participant for the item.

NURSING FACILITY PARTICIPANTS

Custom and power wheelchairs, accessories and repairs for dual eligible participants residing in a nursing facility will remain covered regardless of residence in a CBA. Submission for reimbursement will remain unchanged.

Please note: MO HealthNet reimbursement for wheelchairs, accessories and repairs for participants in a nursing facility is limited to patient owned custom or power wheelchairs. Custom wheelchairs must meet the definition of a custom wheelchair as defined in MO HealthNet DME Provider Bulletin Volume 30, Number 45, dated March 7, 2008. Reimbursement for all other manual wheelchairs and accessories is included in the nursing home per diem.

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MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896