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## IMPORTANT TOPICS

# DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME) CHANGES

## FOR MEDICARE MEMBERS

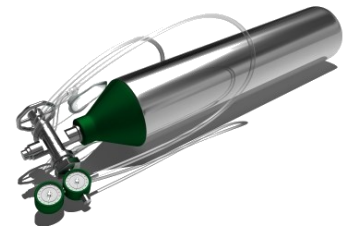
Earlier this year, Medicare implemented significant changes to the structure of its supplier network for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) while also implementing a national mail order program for diabetic testing supplies.

The program changes the amount Medicare pays suppliers for certain durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies. It also changes who can supply these items. **In order for Medicare to help pay for these items, original Medicare members will have to use a Medicare contract supplier.** If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO), your plan will notify you if your supplier is changing.

You'll also need to use a Medicare national mail-order contract supplier for Medicare to pay for diabetic testing supplies that are delivered to your home. If you don't want your diabetic testing supplies delivered to your home, you can go to any local store that's enrolled with Medicare and buy them there. The national mail-order program will include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

## TYPES OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDE:

- Oxygen, oxygen equipment, and supplies
- Standard power wheelchairs, scooters, and related accessories
- Complex rehabilitative power wheelchairs and related accessories
- Mail-order diabetic supplies
- Enteral nutrients, equipment, and supplies
- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices and Respiratory Assist Devices (RADs), and related supplies and accessories
- Hospital beds and related accessories
- Walkers and related accessories
- Support surfaces (Group 2 mattresses and overlays)



## REMINDER FOR ALL TRUST MEMBERS

**All members in need of Durable Medical Equipment or Diabetic Testing supplies should contact the number referenced on the back of their health plan ID card to be referred to approved suppliers.**