

Eligibility Requirements

A supplier must meet certain eligibility requirements before it can submit a bid and be awarded a contract under the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program.

- 1** A bidder must be a DMEPOS supplier in good standing with an active Provider Transaction Access Number (PTAN). Each supplier should ensure that its Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) file is up-to-date with current information, as information in PECOS will be verified during the registration and bidding process.
- 2** A supplier must be accredited by a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved accreditation organization for all products in each product category for which it submits a bid. CMS cannot award a contract to a supplier that is not accredited. For a listing of CMS-approved accreditation organizations, please visit the CMS website.
- 3** A supplier submitting a bid for a product category in a competitive bidding area (CBA) must meet all applicable state licensure requirements for the sale and/or distribution of that specific product category for all supplier locations (10-digit PTAN) in every state in that CBA. Bidding suppliers must ensure that copies of all applicable state licenses are RECEIVED by the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) on or before May 1, 2012. Contracts are only awarded to suppliers that meet all state licensure requirements for every state in a CBA. Suppliers bidding in the national mail-order competition for diabetic testing supplies must meet applicable licensure requirements in all parts of the United States, including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. For more information about licensure, please see the Licensure for Bidding Suppliers fact sheet.
- 4** Each contract supplier must be ready to provide services in the CBA, or nationwide if bidding in the national mail-order competition, on day one of the contract period. To ensure that only qualified suppliers become contract suppliers, a supplier must have at least one physical location that meets the requirements to serve a CBA in order to bid in that CBA. Suppliers with physical locations outside of CBAs may bid in those CBAs only if they meet all eligibility requirements at the time of bidding, with the exception of the licensure requirement. Bidding suppliers must ensure that copies of all applicable state licenses are RECEIVED by the NSC on or before May 1, 2012. Only locations listed on the contract are eligible to serve as contract suppliers. However, eligible locations may be added to the contract after the program is implemented. If a supplier intends to use the services of a subcontractor in order to provide services throughout the CBA, the contract supplier must ensure the subcontractor is accredited, if applicable; meets licensure requirements; and performs services consistent with 42 CFR 424.57(c).