

Covered Document Review Date

All suppliers bidding in the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program must submit the financial documents specified in the Request for Bids (RFB). The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) established an important new process to give suppliers the opportunity to be notified of missing required financial documents. Under this new process, suppliers that submit their financial documents by a deadline called the Covered Document Review Date (CDRD) will have their documents checked to determine if any individual financial documents are missing, will be notified of what is missing, and will have an opportunity to submit the missing documents. This process is only to determine if individual financial documents are missing and is not a review of the accuracy or completeness of individual documents. All suppliers participating in the Round 1 Rebid are urged to take advantage of the CDRD process.

According to MIPPA, the CDRD is either the date that is 30 days before the end of the bid submission due date or 30 days after the start of the bid submission period, whichever is later. The target date for the opening of bidding for the Round 1 Rebid is October 21, 2009, which means the target CDRD is November 21, 2009. The actual CDRD will be announced when bidding opens, and a countdown clock to the deadline will be posted on the home page of this website.

Only those bidders that submit their financial documents by the CDRD will be notified of missing financial documents and have the opportunity to submit what was missing. If you send your documents in after the CDRD, you will not be notified of whether there are any missing financial documents and will not be permitted to submit any documents after the close of bidding.

Bidders that submit their financial documents by the CDRD will be notified of what, if any, financial documents are missing within 45 days after the CDRD. The notification will only alert you of what is missing – **NOT** whether the financial documents are accurate, acceptable, or in accordance with the RFB instructions. You will have 10 business days from the date of notification to submit the **MISSING** document(s).

The covered document review process only allows bidders that are notified of missing financial documents to submit the missing documents. The covered document review process does not permit suppliers to submit revised versions of previously submitted financial documents after the bid window closes. It is important to remember that once the bidding window closes, all bids are considered final and cannot be amended or changed.