

Covered Document Review Date

All suppliers bidding in the Medicare 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 a process to give suppliers the opportunity to be notified of missing required financial documents. Under this process, suppliers that submit their financial documents by the Covered Document Review Date (CDRD) will be notified if any individual financial documents are 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 2 and/or national mail-order competitions 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 period or 30 days after the start of the bid submission period, whichever is later. For the Round 2 and national mail-order competitions, the CDRD is **February 29, 2012**. A countdown clock to the deadline is posted on the homepage of the Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor (CBIC) website, www.dmecompetitivebid.com.

Your documents are not considered submitted until the CBIC receives them. If the CBIC gets your documents 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 90 days after the CDRD. The notification will alert you only 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 allows only 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.