

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program: Repairs & Replacements of Off-the-Shelf Back & Knee Braces

All DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) Round 2021 Contracts for off-the-shelf (OTS) back braces and for OTS knee braces expired on December 31, 2023. As of January 1, 2024, there's a temporary gap period for the DMEPOS CBP. Visit DMEPOS Competitive Bidding for more information.







Under the Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP), patients with Original Medicare who get competitively bid items in designated competitive bidding areas (CBAs) must get them from a competitive bidding contract supplier, unless an exception applies.

We allow for the repair of patient-owned, medically necessary braces or orthotics by any Medicare-enrolled supplier. Labor to repair braces isn't subject to competitive bidding, and we pay for it according to our general payment rules.

Patient-owned competitively bid items that are replaced, rather than repaired, must be provided by contract suppliers when patients get them in a CBA. The CBP was in effect only for off-the-shelf (OTS) back and knee braces from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023.

What are the Rules for Repairs of Patient-Owned Braces?

A patient who permanently resides in a CBA and owns a competitively bid brace may have it repaired by any Medicare-enrolled supplier. Use HCPCS code:

- L4205 to bill for the labor component
- L4210 to bill for replacement of minor parts

Resources

- Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor
- DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program

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