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DESCRIPTION OF TECHNICAL CHANGES TO OMB CONTROL #0938-1016

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) identified a small number of technical changes to the approved Form D of the Requests for Bids (RFB) for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program information collection (OMB # 0938-1016). These technical changes are necessary to fix grammatical errors or improve the clarity and accuracy of the information collection; the changes have no impact on public burden or any other aspect of the collection.

The following chart describes the changes and the rationale for making them.

| **Issue #** | **Page #** | **Section** | **Action to be Performed** | **Changes to the Application** | **Reason for the Change** |
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|  | 1 | Throughout form | Remove “contract” throughout form  | See change in *Actions to be Performed* column | Removed to improve accuracy/ clarity of information collection. The form applies to equipment furnished by both contract suppliers and noncontract suppliers, so referring only to contract suppliers was inaccurate and potentially confusing. |
|  | 1 | Questions 1 and 2 | Change “purchased” to “received” | See change in *Actions to be Performed* column | Changed to improve accuracy/clarity of information collection. DME items can be purchased or rented; “received” is generic yet precise. |
|  | 1 | Question 1 | Insert “from which” after “supplier” and delete “from” at the end of the question | See change in *Actions to be Performed* column | Changed to fix dangling preposition. |
|  | 1 | Question 4 | Change “use” to “quality” | See change in *Actions to be Performed* column | Changed to make question more precise/accurate. We are interested in beneficiaries’ views of the overall quality of their equipment, not just the use of the equipment. (Note: the American Association for Homecare recommended this change in comments to OMB provided to CMS after OMB approved the information collection.) |