

DESCRIPTION OF NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO OMB CONTROL #0938-1016

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has identified a non-substantive change to the previously approved Form C (CMS-10169) for the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program information collection (OMB # 0938-1016).

Form C (CMS-10169):

Collection via Form C collects prospective information on the brands of products durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) suppliers intend to offer to Medicare beneficiaries during the upcoming quarter. The form is completed each quarter (January, April, July, and October) to either update product brand information or to verify that there is no change in the brands of product that will be offered to Medicare beneficiaries. The information submitted by each contract supplier on Form C is posted on the Internet to help customer services representatives at 1-800-MEDICARE, clinicians, beneficiaries, and caregivers locate contract suppliers that furnish specific products. A considerable number of resources—an estimated 660 hours—are dedicated to Form C processing each quarter. Furthermore, research indicates that suppliers rarely update their listings each quarter (90% of suppliers retain the same information every quarter).

As a result, we will be changing our quarterly requirement to a semi-annual submission (January and July), effective July 1, 2016. This change would constitute a decrease in burden to contract suppliers and would reduce the amount of resources and costs to the government that is required to operationalize the Form C requirement.

We are requesting approval of this non-substantive change by October 1, 2015.