**Medicare Patients**

**Medical Equipment**

Medicare has expanded their competitive bidding program to our area. Here is an excerpt from the Medicare website, medicare.gov, “This program changes the amount Medicare pays for certain durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies. This affects which suppliers Medicare will pay to supply these items to you. This program replaces the prices Medicare is currently paying with lower, more accurate prices. Under this program, Medicare uses the bids submitted by suppliers to furnish certain medical equipment and supplies at a lower price than what Medicare now pays for these items. Qualified, accredited suppliers with winning bids are chosen as Medicare contract suppliers. This program helps you and Medicare save money, while ensuring you have access to quality medical equipment, supplies, and services from suppliers you can trust.”

To find Medicare suppliers in the area, choose one of the following:

1. Go online to **medicare.gov** supplier directory and follow directions

OR

1. Call 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227)

TTY 1-877-486-2048