



### **An Important Message from Medicare:**

Medicare has a new program that may change the way you get certain medical equipment and supplies. A complete list of the equipment and supplies affected is in the enclosed brochure.

*This new program will save you money* and ensure that you continue to get quality medical equipment, supplies, and services. It will also help limit fraud and abuse in the Medicare Program. The program is starting in your area and this information may apply to you.

**Even if you currently don't need or use medical equipment or supplies, we are sending you this letter because you may need these items in the future.**

**The new program begins on July 1, 2008, in your area. Beginning on this date, you may need to get the equipment or supplies that are on the list from a Medicare-contract supplier in order for Medicare to pay for these contract items.**

Please review the enclosed brochures to find out if any of the items you need or use is in the new program and to find a Medicare-contract supplier that can provide you with them.

Please find enclosed:

1. The "Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies" brochure that describes Medicare's new program, including a list of the areas and items covered under this new program.
2. A list of Medicare-contract suppliers you should use to make sure your medical products and services will be covered by Medicare. All of the suppliers listed can provide you with these items even if a supplier's office is out of town. If your current supplier isn't listed, contact them for more information.

For more information about this new program, talk to your doctor or health care provider, or supplier. For the most up-to-date list of Medicare-contract suppliers in your area, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) on the web and select "Find Suppliers of Medical Equipment in Your Area." You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Para obtener información en español, llame GRATIS al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Los usuarios con teléfono de texto (TTY) deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048.