



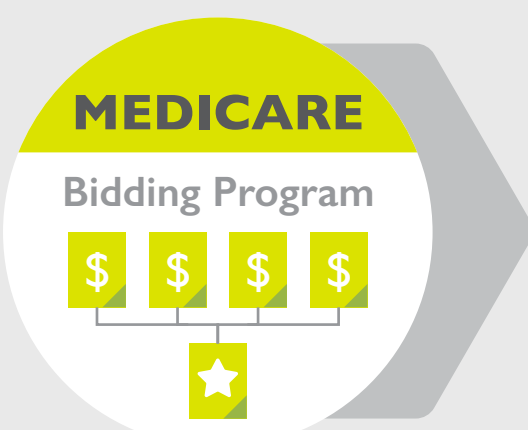
# SAVE LIVES, SAVE MONEY:

## SUSPEND MEDICARE'S BIDDING PROGRAM FOR DIABETES TESTING SUPPLIES NOW



Medicare has been **experimenting on people with diabetes**. In 2011, CMS created a "bidding program" to reduce cost, maintain access and provide quality care. However, it failed on all accounts.

### In fact, the program:



- ✓ Led to unnecessary pain & suffering
- ✓ Required patients to switch from a known supplier to another, lower-cost supplier
- ✓ Drove up hospitalizations & mortality
- ✗ Failed to save money for Medicare



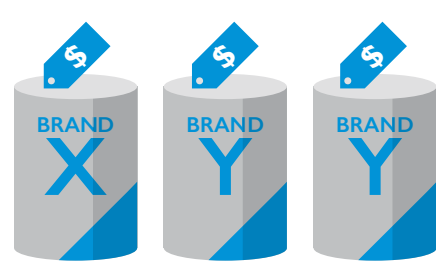
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### Diabetes Care

A peer-reviewed article in the American Diabetes Association's journal, *Diabetes Care*, confirms that the Medicare bidding program for diabetes testing supplies has led to increased mortality, hospitalizations and costs.<sup>1</sup>

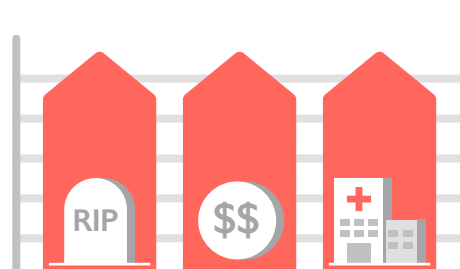
### Here's what happened in the Medicare bidding pilot program:



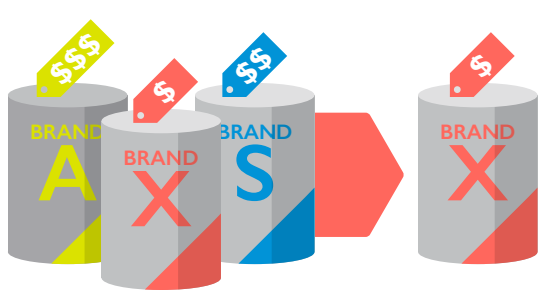
Winning suppliers offered the lowest bid, but sacrificed quality and failed to provide the right mix of products, only offering certain brands of diabetes testing supplies



As a result, many older adults on Medicare were forced to change how and where they got their diabetes testing supplies or switch brands



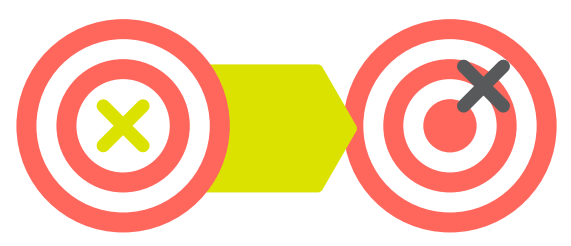
This disruption was associated with increased mortality, hospitalization and costs among the Medicare beneficiaries



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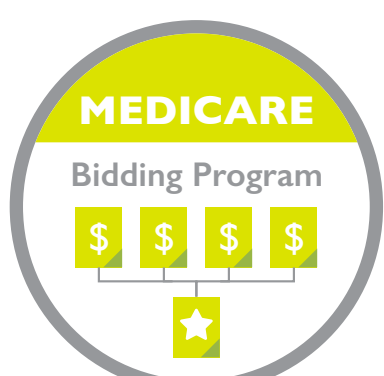
**LIMITED ACCESS**



**LESS ACCURACY**



### PREVENTABLE



**Deaths + Hospitalizations + Costs**

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**MEDICARE'S BIDDING PROGRAM FOR DIABETES TESTING SUPPLIES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED.**

Visit: [www.DiabetesPAC.org/SuspendBidding](http://www.DiabetesPAC.org/SuspendBidding)

**ACT NOW** to suspend bidding before the next disruptive rollout happens.

#SuspendBidding

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QUALITY  
ACCESS**

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1. Puckrein, et al. Impact of CMS Competitive Bidding Program on Medicare Beneficiary Safety and Access to Diabetes Testing Supplies: A Retrospective, Longitudinal Analysis. *Diabetes Care*. 2016;39:1-9.