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The HME Market By The Numbers

Parsing the data

Long live the regionals

t looks like for 2011, compared to 2010, the number of providers that bill Medicare in all categories but one decreased (See page 6). Last year, when we compared 2009 to 2010, we saw a nice

little increase in the number of providers in two categories: \$1 million to \$3 million, and \$3 million to \$10 million.

The number of providers in the \$10 million and up category was the one and only gainer in 2011. What's more: The providers in this category grew from 46 in 2008 to 69 in 2011, a 50% increase.

The fact that the number of providers in this category continues to increase may be the strongest sign yet that regional companies are on the rise.

Shake-up at the top

There has been some interesting movement in the list of top providers this year (See page 10). Lincare remains at the top of the list with about \$772 million in allowed charges, but other than that, no one is really in the same spot as last year.

Apria moved up to No. 2 from No. 3 last year. Accredo moved up to No. 3 from No. 4. Liberty Medical Supply dropped from No. 2 to No. 4. And Lincare Pharmacy and KCI swapped spots from 2010 to 2011 at No. 5 and 6, respectively.

About half of the providers in the top 10 had higher allowed charges in 2011 vs. 2010: Lincare, Apria, Lincare Pharmacy, KCI

and Walgreen.

Still of note: The number of companies in the top 10 that we would consider specialty providers, those whose bread and butter is specialty pharmacy, supplies, wound care or O&P, continue to dominate the list of top providers. Lincare, Apria and Braden Partners are the only more traditional HME providers on the list.

Winners and losers

In respiratory, some of the big winners were: A7032, replacement nasal cushion, which saw about a 30% jump from 2010 to 2011,

with \$44.8 million in allowed charges; and A7030, CPAP full face mask, which saw about an 18% jump (See page 8).

What's going on here? Well, there's been a big push in the industry for sleep providers to take advantage of resupply items like these. There are also new policies governing when providers can resupply, so it'll be interesting to see what happens to these numbers in

In mobility, the codes we watch are K0823, your standard power wheelchair, which was down about 52% from last year; and K0861, your standard complex power wheelchair, which was up about 11% (See page 9).

That jump in K0861 is interesting. When the first-month purchase option for standard power wheelchairs was eliminated Jan. 1, 2011, I wrote a story about how CMS officials were on high alert for providers trying to move more bennies into complex power wheelchairs. The policy doesn't apply to complex power wheelchairs or Group 3 power wheelchairs.

- Elizabeth Beaulieu, Editor, HME News





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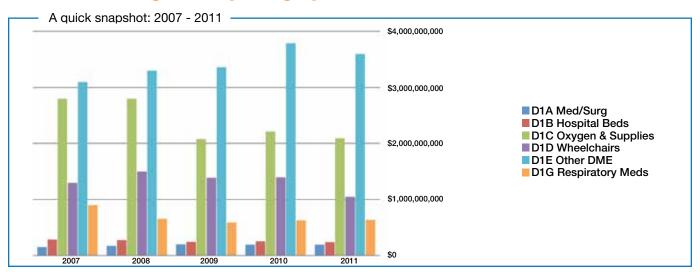
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Medicare: DME growth by category



BETOS	Product	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
D1A	Med/surg supplies	152M	176M	202M .	198M	198M
D1B	Hospital beds	287M	276M	244M .	255M	240M
D1C	Oxygen and supplies	2.8B	2.8B	2.0B .	2.2B	2.1B
D1D	Wheelchairs	1.3B	1.5B	1.4B .	1.4B	1.05B
D1E	Other DME	3.1B	3.3B	3.4B .	3.8B	3.6B
D1G	Respiratory meds	900M	657M	588M .	629M	637M
	Total	8.5B	8.7B	7.9B .		7.8B ved Charges

What is a BETOS bucket?

BETOS STANDS FOR BERENSON-EGGERS TYPE OF SERVICE, and it's the name of a coding system developed to analyze the growth in Medicare expenditures. The coding system covers all HCPCS codes; assigns a HCPCS code to only one BETOS bucket; consists of readily understood clinical categories that permit objective assignment; is stable over time; and is relatively immune to minor changes in technology or practice patterns.

SOURCE: CMS



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Medicare: Number of beneficiaries, suppliers, 2011

✓ E1390O₂ Concentrator

Jurisdiction	Beneficiaries	Suppliers
A	211,868	2,099
В	296,087	2,879
C	613,733	5,703
D	343,319	2,923
Nation*	·	8.404

✓ E0601 CPAP Jurisdiction **Beneficiaries** Suppliers

✓ E0260 Hospital Beds

Jurisdiction	Beneficiaries	Suppliers
A	90,525	2,231
В	81,854	2,401
C	188,598	5,703
D	87,010	2,779
Nation*		10,301

✓ A4253 Blood Glucose Strips

Jurisdiction	Beneficiaries	Suppliers
A	785,409	15,397
В	871,920	14,392
C	1,624,082	25,522
D	734,885	14,011
Nation*		51,773

✓ K0823 Power Chair

Jurisdiction	Beneficiaries	Suppliers
A	13,827	415
	21,789	
C	55,681	1,875
D	24,391	1,024
Nation*		3,495

✓ K0001 Standard Chair

Jurisdiction	Beneficiaries	Suppliers
Α	64,901	2,349
В	64,470	2,592
C	130,387	5,562
D	76,038	2,826
Nation*		10,528

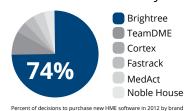
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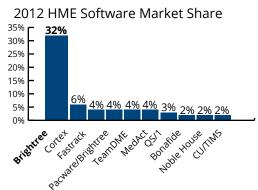
*EDITOR'S NOTE: Why doesn't the number of suppliers from each category equal the total number of suppliers in the nation? Some suppliers work in more than one jurisdiction.

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Medicare: Utilization for 2011, top HCPCS

Respiratory

Rank	HCPCS	Product	Allowed Charges	Allowed Services	2011 Growth
			Allowed Charges		
		. Oxygen concentrator S			
		. Cont airway pressure device		2,753,089	0.73%
29	. J7626	. Budesonide non-comp unit	\$197,072,823.44 .	43,881,509	20.37%
44	. E0431	. Portable gaseous 02	\$135,763,224.00.	4,798,765	9.29%
50	. Q0513	. Disp fee inhal drugs/30 days	\$117,407,745.27.	3,558,506	1.71%
		. Nasal application device		1,104,411	
54	. A7030	. CPAP full face mask	\$110,861,288.90 .	659,357	18.09%
		. Arformoterol non-comp unit			
		. RAD w/o backup non-inv intfc			
		. Humidifier heated used w PAP			
103	. E0439	. Stationary liquid 02	\$58,862,718.60 .	346,11	12.61%
109	. E0570	. Nebulizer with compression			
110	. E0443	. Portable 02 contents, gas	\$53,548,659.01 .	701,046	13.55%
		. Pos airway pressure tubing			
		. RAD w/backup non inv intrfc			
122	. J7606	. Formoterol fumarate, inh	\$47,413,319.65 .	10,030,145	18.33%
		. Albuterol ipratrop non-comp		The state of the s	
		. Replacement nasal cushion			
		. Pos airway press headgear			
		. Press supp vent invasive int		*	
		. Portable gas oxygen system			
180	. J7613	. Albuterol non-comp unit	\$28,096,401.70 .	453,866,833	3.94%

SOURCE: CMS, VIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT





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Medicare: Utilization for 2011, top HCPCS

Diabetes,	Infusion	& Sup	oplies
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Rank HCPCS Product	Allowed Charges	Allowed Services	2011 Growth
5 A4253 Blood Glucose Strips	\$1,191,672,169.00		14.55%
35 E2402 Neg Press Wound Therapy Pump	\$158,960,571.83	104,923	1.69%
43 B4035 Enteral Feed Supp Pump	\$139,763,119.68	12,740,929	14.64%
53 A4259 Lancets Per Box	\$112,180,356.19	10,372,657	24.12%
56 A5500 Diab Shoe For Density Insert	\$108,101,912.28	1,625,527	11.01%
67 B4154 Ef Spec Metabolic Noninherit	\$86,878,288.09	77,075,828	20.87%
69 A4351 Straight Tip Urine Catheter	\$86,208,652.10	48,658,593	21.94%
85 A5512 Multi Den Insert Direct Form			
86 B4197 Parenteral Sol 74-100 Gm Pro			
88 B4150 Ef Complet w/Intact Nutrient			
90 A5513 Multi Den Insert Custom Mold			
105 B4152 Ef Calorie Dense >/=1.5Kcal			
111 A4353 Intermittent Urinary Cath		* *	
121 A4352 Coude Tip Urinary Catheter			
131 A6021 Collagen Dressing <=16 Sq"			
142 A4258 Lancet Device Each			
148 E0784 Ext Amb Infusn Pump Insulin			
151 B4193 Parenteral Sol 52-73 Gm Prot			
157 B4199 Parenteral Sol >100 Gm Prote			
163 A4221 Maint Drug Infus Cath Per Wk			
167 A4222 Infusion Supplies w/Pump			
168 A6550 Neg Pres Wound Ther Drsg Set			
174 E0607 Blood Glucose Monitor Home			
177 A4407 Ext Wear Ost Skn Barr <=4Sq"			
178 B4034 Enter Feed Supkit Syr By Day			
191 A4414 Ost Sknbar w/o Conv<=4 Sq"			
195 E0781 External Ambulatory Infus Pump	\$24,079,755.80	103,037 SOURCE: CMS, VIA	

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Rank	HCPCS	Product	Allowed Charges	Allowed Services	2011 Growth
27	E0260	. Hosp bed semi-electr w/ matt	\$211,274,662.87	2,035,180	-6.60%
81	G0283	. Elec stim other than wound	\$78,381,557.52	6,634,239	0.57%
82	E0143	. Walker folding wheeled w/o s	\$78,223,231.84	782,821	7.15%
100	E0277	. Powered pres-redu air mattrs	\$63,701,599.43	121,898	20.69%
104	L5673	. Socket insert w lock mech	\$56,544,656.12	85,479	1.76%
119	L7900	. Male vacuum erection system	\$50,073,952.20	103,860	6.27%
134	E0163	. Commode chair with fixed arm	\$40,465,378.66	367,868	7.51%
149	L5700	. Replace socket below knee	\$35,683,500.93	13,089	0.88%
153	E0730	. Tens four lead	\$35,065,069.29	237,695	4.50%
156	L8030	. Breast prosthes w/o adhesive	\$34,287,175.60	112,987	5.11%
188	E0630	. Patient lift hydraulic	\$25,801,939.38	302,946	1.26%
				SOURCE: CMS, VIA FREE	DOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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Rank	HCPCS	Product	Allowed Charges	Allowed Services	2011 Growth
21	K0823	PWC gp 2 std cap chair	\$243,337,074.57	614,437	52.31%
93	K0001	Standard wheelchair	\$69,991,911.09	1,564,444	1.65%
95	K0004	High strength Itwt whichr	\$68,366,063.73	638,408	10.40%
96	K0003	Lightweight wheelchair	\$67,567,457.50	922,026	0.69%
116	E1007	Pwr seat combo w/shear	\$51,407,803.89	6,546	8.84%
145	E2365	U1 sealed leadacid battery	\$37,103,648.38	380,521	11.59%
158	K0861	PWC gp3 std mult pow opt s/b	\$33,619,876.10	6,723	11.37%
179	K0108	W/c component-accessory NOS	\$28,167,322.11	184,390	9.69%
186	K0825	PWC gp 2 hd cap chair	\$26,192,070.35	59,215	43.18%
		·		SOURCE: CMS, V	IA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT



Medicare: Top providers in 2011

Rank Company	Allowed Charges
1Lincare Inc	\$771,655,432.64
2Apria Healthcare Inc	\$377,713,426.55
3Accredo Health Group Inc	\$351,721,052.69
4Liberty Medical Supply, Inc.	\$350,296,878.93
5Lincare Pharmacy Serv. Inc	\$182,258,982.51
6KCI USA, Inc	\$176,598,517.72
7Walgreen Co	\$173,287,791.76
8Degc Enterprises (U.S.), Inc	\$138,338,092.18
9Braden Partners Lp	
10Hanger Prost. & Ortho. Inc.	\$95,666,103.79
11Gordian Medical Inc	\$78,629,578.97
12Med4home Inc	
13Procare Pharmacy, LLC	\$74,735,466.43
14American Homepatient, Inc	\$71,745,207.47
15Diabetes Care Club	\$71,215,858.52
16Hanger Prost. & Ortho. East	
17Byram Healthcare Centers	
18Option Care Enterprises, Inc	
19Hoveround Corporation	\$48,291,110.94
20Hanger Prost. & Ortho. Wes	
21Wal-Mart Stores East LP	
22Coram Alternate Site Serv.	
23Orthofix Inc	
24United States Med. Supp. Ir	
25RGH Enterprises Inc	
26Caremark, LLC	
27Liberator Medical Supply In	
28Zoll Lifecor Corp	
29Doctor Diabetic Supply LLC	
30Ammed Direct LLC	
31Wright & Filippis, Inc	
32Mckesson MedSurg	
33Med-Care Diab. & Med. Su	
34Curascript Inc	\$36,228,052.58

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Rank	Company	Allowed Charges
35	Arriva Medical, LLC	\$34,818,051.22
36	Optumrx Inc	\$34,748,087.54
37	Amber Enterprises Inc	\$34,195,846.57
38	Djo LLC	\$32,991,621.45
39	Pulmo-Dose Inc	\$32,770,714.93
40	American Homepatient, Inc	\$31,531,072.48
	Empi Inc	
42	Medical Serv. Of America Inc	\$29,797,343.86
43	Ebi LLC	\$28,973,446.30
44	Advanced Home Care, Inc	\$27,752,604.55
	United Seating & Mobility LLC	
	Comp. Decubitus Therapy Inc	
	United States Pharm. Gr. LLC	
	Bioscrip Pharmacy, Inc	
	Us Healthcare Supply LLC	
	Health Care Sol. At Home Inc	
	Dynasplint Systems, Inc	
	Norco, Inc	
	180 Medical Inc	
	Wal-Mart Stores Inc	
	International Rehab. Sciences	
	Airway Oxygen Inc	
	Lifecare Solutions Inc	
	Smith & Nephew, Inc	
	Walgreens Mail Service Inc	
	Pos-T-Vac Inc	
	Medenvios Healthcare, Inc	
	Jl Medical Inc	
	Ancillary Mgmt. Solutions	
	Med-Care Pharmacy	
	Hill-Rom Company Inc	
	Critical Care Systems, Inc	
	Landauer Metropolitan Inc	
68	Comm.Surg. Sup. Toms River	\$17,336,637.50

Rank	Company	Allowed Charges
69	Advanced Respiratory, Inc	\$16.917.749.51
	Founders Healthcare, LLC	
	Medpoint, LLC	
	Diplomat Pharmacy Inc	
73	Neighborhood Diabetes	\$16,247,141.73
74	Procare Pharmacy Direct, LLC	\$16,020,172.27
75	CVS Pharmacy Inc	\$15,815,888.04
76	Responsive Home Health Care Inc	\$15,449,241.03
77	National Seating & Mobility,Inc	\$15,343,437.19
78	Roberts Home Medical Inc	\$15,311,211.48
	Centrad Healthcare LLC	
	MP Totalcare Services, Inc	
	Sterling Medical Services LLC	
	Diamedix Healthcare, LLC	
	Rotech Oxygen & Medical Equip. Inc	
	National Rehab Equipment, Inc	
	Walgreens Home Care, Inc	
	Home Medical Systems Inc	
	Dynavox Systems LLC	
	Mp Totalcare Medical, Inc	
	Binson's Hospital Supplies, Inc	
	Barnes Healthcare Of FL LLC	
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