

## Altmire Statement on CMS' Competitive Bidding Announcement

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&ldquo;There's no doubt DME competitive bidding looks good on paper, but I am still concerned about the long-term implications of the program. CMS's implementation of DME competitive bidding could still compromise patient care and the quality service provided by small, local home medical suppliers. I look forward to continuing to work with CMS to ensure adequate small business participation.&rdquo;