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115 HR 1892	Related bill	Feb 9, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-123.
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This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to modify provisions relating to Medicare's competitive acquisition program (through which rates are set through a competitive bidding program rather than by an established fee schedule) with respect to diabetic testing strips. Specifically, the bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to:

- use specified data to determine whether a bid satisfies certain requirements related to volume of coverage with respect to such products,
- reject a bid if the bidder does not demonstrate its ability to furnish such products in a manner consistent with its bid, and
- establish a process to monitor the extent to which an entity continues to cover the product types included in its bid.

The CMS may terminate a contract if it determines that an entity, for reasons other than product discontinuation, market-wide shortage, or introduction of a newer model, fails to maintain ready access to such products included in its bid.

In addition, the bill specifies that an entity furnishing such products to beneficiaries under the program: (1) must furnish to each beneficiary a brand of strips that is compatible with the beneficiary's home blood glucose monitor, (2) may not attempt to influence or incentivize a beneficiary to switch the brand of either type of product, and (3) must contact and receive a request from a beneficiary no more than 14 days prior to dispensing a refill to the beneficiary.

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