



## Physicians Granted Additional Election Period for CAP

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently announced an additional opportunity for physicians to sign up for the Medicare Part B Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP). The new election period will run from January 15 through February 15, 2008. Effective dates of participation for physicians who elect to join CAP during this additional election period will be April 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

CAP is a voluntary program and physicians must elect to participate on an annual basis. The additional election period was granted after a number of operational changes to the CAP program were finalized and published as part of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule in the Federal Register on November 27, 2007, which was after the closing date of the initial CAP election period.

CAP is offered by Medicare as an alternative to the buy-and-bill method for physicians who administer drugs covered by Part B in their offices. A list of drugs that CMS has approved for distribution through CAP can be found at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/Downloads/January\\_2008\\_List\\_of\\_Drugs\\_Supplied\\_Under\\_the\\_CAP.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/Downloads/January_2008_List_of_Drugs_Supplied_Under_the_CAP.pdf).

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