



Happy New Year!



[Top Stories from 2015](#)

2015 - our 10th anniversary - was a big year for the V-BID Center. From the passage of V-BID legislation in the US House of Representatives to the CMS announcement of a V-BID test in Medicare Advantage, please visit our [interactive timeline](#) to review the highlights from the past year!



[Mark Fendrick to Testify on V-BID to U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services](#)

The [US Senate Armed Forces Committee](#) has invited V-BID Center director, A. Mark Fendrick, MD, to testify on the potential role of V-BID in reforming the TRICARE system. [TRICARE](#), the health care program of the United States Department of Defense Military Health System. [Read more >>](#)



[Cadillac Tax delayed 2 Years - New Whiteboard Video Offers V-BID as Alternative](#)

The 2015 omnibus budget agreement included a two-year delay of the ACA's Cadillac tax on high-value employer health plans. Our new [white board video](#) offers a more clinically nuanced approach to enhance value in health expenditures. [Read more >>](#)



[V-BID Included in U.S. Senate Finance Committee Report on Chronic Care](#)

The US Senate Finance Committee released the '[Bipartisan Chronic Care Working Group Policy Options Document](#)' in December 2015. V-BID principles were among the recommended policy options to improve access and affordability for Medicare beneficiaries. [Read more >>](#)



[Concerns Persist about Coverage Awareness and Impact of High Deductibles](#)

Findings from a recent [Commonwealth Fund Health Care Affordability Tracking Survey](#) revealed that two of five adults with private coverage are unaware that their health plan fully covered preventive care services, and half of privately insured *low-income* adults are not aware of this benefit. [Read more >>](#)



[Health Care Costs: Hot Topic at Home and on the Campaign Trail](#)

Due to increasing trends in drug utilization, prices, and cost-related non-adherence, prescription drug spending has become a hot issue on the presidential campaign trail and was the subject of a recent forum convened by the Obama administration. [Read more >>](#)



[CMS Extends Application Deadline for Medicare Advantage V-BID Model Test](#)

The [Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design \(V-BID\) Model](#) is an opportunity for Medicare Advantage plans to offer supplemental benefits or reduced cost-sharing to enrollees with specified chronic conditions. CMS will accept applications until January 22, 2016. [Read more >>](#)



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