

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program
Payment Year 2012: Proposed Rule Overview
for Facilities, Providers, and Suppliers
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
2PM – 3:30PM ET
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to discuss the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) proposed rule for payment year 2012. This rule went on display at the Federal Register on July 26, 2010, and can be read online at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-18465.pdf> .

This Special ODF will be designed for ESRD facilities, as well as provider, supplier, and laboratory groups. Beneficiary groups and patient advocates are welcome to attend; however, CMS is planning a separate Special ODF in the next couple of weeks to meet these groups' information needs.

This proposed rule intends to implement a quality incentive program (QIP) for Medicare outpatient End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) dialysis providers and facilities with payment consequences beginning January 1, 2012. The QIP proposal is in accordance with section 1881 (h) of the Act (added on July 15, 2008, by section 153(c) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act [MIPPA]).

The proposed ESRD QIP would reduce ESRD payments by up to 2.0 percent for dialysis providers and facilities that fail to meet or exceed a total performance score for performance standards established with respect to certain specified measures.

During this ODF, CMS staff will highlight the key features of the proposed ESRD QIP for payment year 2012, including:

- Brief overview of MIPPA Section 153(c);
- QIP timelines (base utilization year, period of performance, payment year);
- Quality performance measures;
- Scoring methodology, including the “Special Rule” for payment year 2012;
- Payment reduction methodology;
- Transparency of quality measure performance, scores, and payment calculations; and
- Performance score inquiries.

After CMS' presentation, the public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Discussion materials for this Special ODF will be available to download at <http://www.cms.gov/ESRDQualityImproveInit/> by August 17, 2010.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935

Reference Conference ID#: 94516791

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired.

For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording and transcript of this Special Open Door Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website: http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning on or around September 7, 2010 and will be available for 30 days.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.gov/opendoorforums> .

Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.