

The Open Payments™ System and Search Tool

PROMOTING FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTHCARE



Open Payments™ is a national disclosure initiative that promotes financial transparency in health care. As a free service to the public, the Open Payments™ Search Tool gives users the ability to see payments reporting entities make to covered recipients. For example, a patient can find out if their doctor has a financial relationship with the pharmaceutical industry.

Physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and teaching hospitals use the OPS to see the information reported to CMS concerning their own financial transactions with drug and medical device companies. This includes the ability to review, dispute, and correct inaccurate data before it becomes public.

During the Open Payments Program Years 2015-2021, CMS published 78.82 million records, accounting for \$63.23 billion in payments and other transfers of value made by reporting entities to covered recipients.

1.09 million physicians received payments from drug and medical device companies

Types of Payments:

- \$14.79 billion in general payments
- \$757.54 million* in research payments
- \$1.26 billion in ownership or investment interest

233,471 non-physician practitioners** received payments from drug and medical device companies

Types of Payments:

- \$121.05 million in general payments
- \$423,392.27* in research payments
- N/A*** in ownership or investment interest

1,387 teaching hospitals received payments from drug and medical device companies

Types of Payments:

- \$5.18 billion in general payments
- \$9.41 billion in research payments
- N/A*** in ownership or investment interest

2,783 drug and medical device companies made payments to physicians, non-physician practitioners, and teaching hospitals

Types of Payments:

- \$20.09 billion in general payments
- \$41.88 billion in research payments
- \$1.26 billion in ownership or investment interest

*The covered recipient research payment total includes: 1) Payments where the company making the payment has named a covered recipient as the primary recipient and 2) Payments to a research institution or entity where a covered recipient is named as a principal investigator on the research project (i.e., associated research funding).

**Only payments from 2021 are available for this covered recipient type.
 ***Ownership or investment interests are only applicable to physician covered recipients, and their immediate family members; ownership or investment interests do not apply to teaching hospitals, physician assistants, or advanced practice nurses for the purpose of Open Payments reporting.



OPS

The Open Payments™ contractor manages all aspects of the OPS, ensuring that health care industry representatives and health care providers can:

- Set up accounts and register to participate in the Open Payments program
- Maintain their registration profiles over time
- Obtain system access and rights to successfully submit, attest to, view, dispute, and correct data
- Prepare data for publication

The CMS Data Analytics and Systems Group (DASG) team provides business function leadership and oversight to the OPS.

Visit the Open Payments™ website on [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) for additional program information, or access the [Open Payments™ Search Tool](#) to explore the data.

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 **Fiscal Year 2021**

 **Fiscal Year 2020**

 **Fiscal Year 2019**

 **Fiscal Year 2018**

 **Fiscal Year 2017**

 **Fiscal Year 2016**

 **Fiscal Year 2015**