



Open Payments

Covered Recipients Registration

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Outline

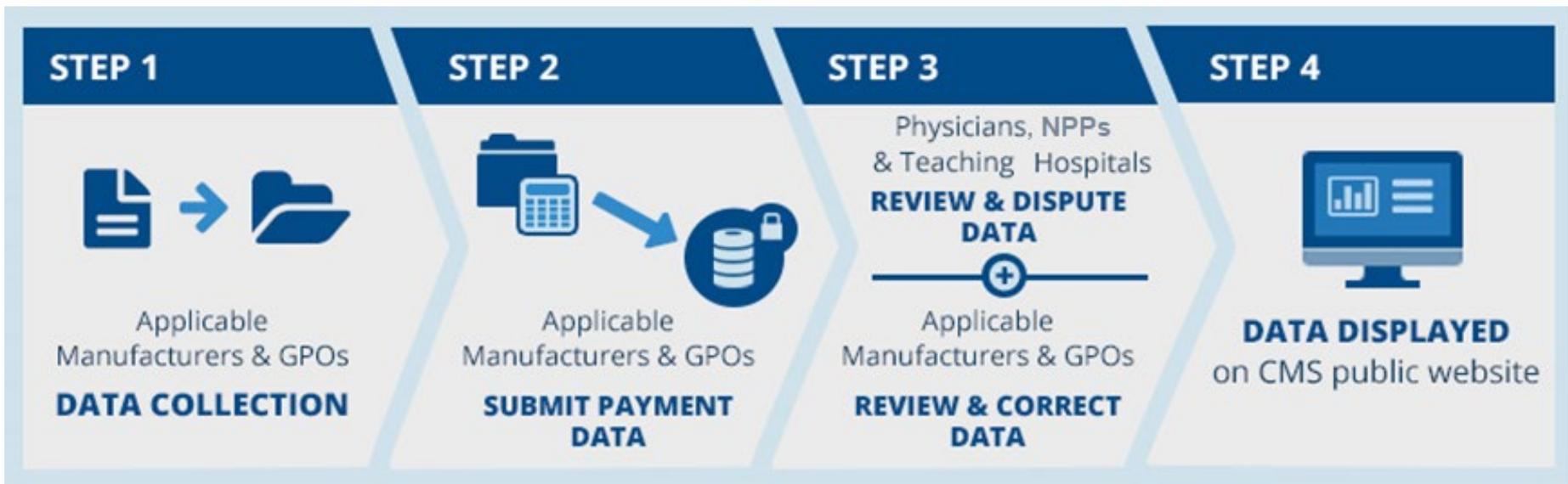
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Target Audience & Learning Objectives

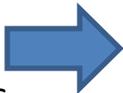
- Target audience:
 - Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners (NPP) and teaching hospitals (collectively referred to as “covered recipients”) who want to view and possibly dispute information submitted about them in the Open Payments system regarding payments, other transfers of value, or physician ownership or investment interests from Applicable Manufacturers (AM) or Applicable Group Purchasing organizations (GPOs), collectively referred to as “Reporting entities”.
- Learning objectives:
 - Understand the Open Payments registration process
 - Physicians/NPPs: Understand how to register and how to nominate a representative to perform system actions on your behalf
 - Teaching hospitals: Understand registration, as well as system user roles and how to assign them

Open Payments Program and System Overview

Open Payments Process Flow



Reporting entities collect payment data for a program year, which runs from January 1 to December 31



Reporting entities submit their data for the program year to the Open Payments system



Covered Recipients review and, if necessary, dispute submitted data. Reporting entities resolve disputes



Data for that program year is published for public viewing in accordance with the publication guidelines

Program Year 2025 Timeline



Note: Review and Dispute activities start on April 1st and can continue until end of the calendar year. The end dates provided on this slide are the cutoff for disputes and corrections to appear in the June data publication.

***Anticipated date**

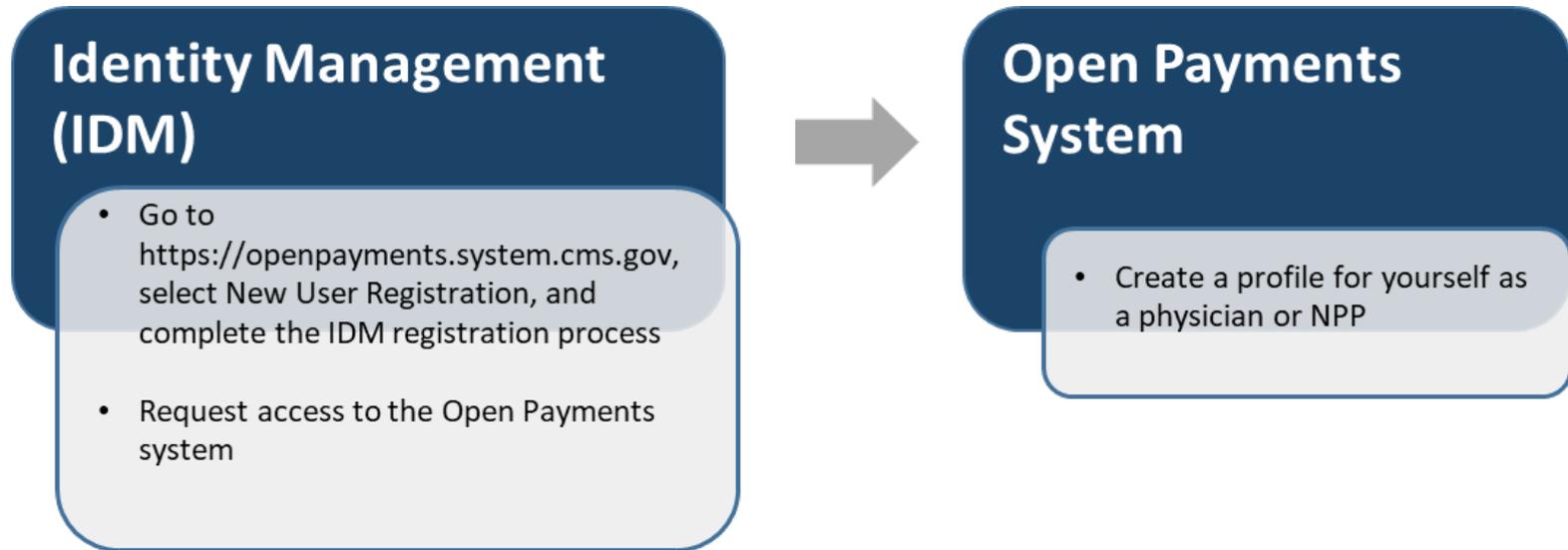
The Open Payments System

- The Open Payments System (OPS) is a secure system that is designed to support data submission activities, review, dispute and correction activities, and compliance communication.
- Users of the OPS are required to have log in credentials and are vetted upon registration.
- Users perform functions within the Open Payments system based on what is required of them by the program and their specific user roles. Most of the functions required by Open Payments will require interaction within the Open Payments System.
- Key functions of the Open Payments system for covered recipients include creating a profile, affirm payment data, review payments, and, if needed, dispute any discrepancies as required.

Purpose of Registration

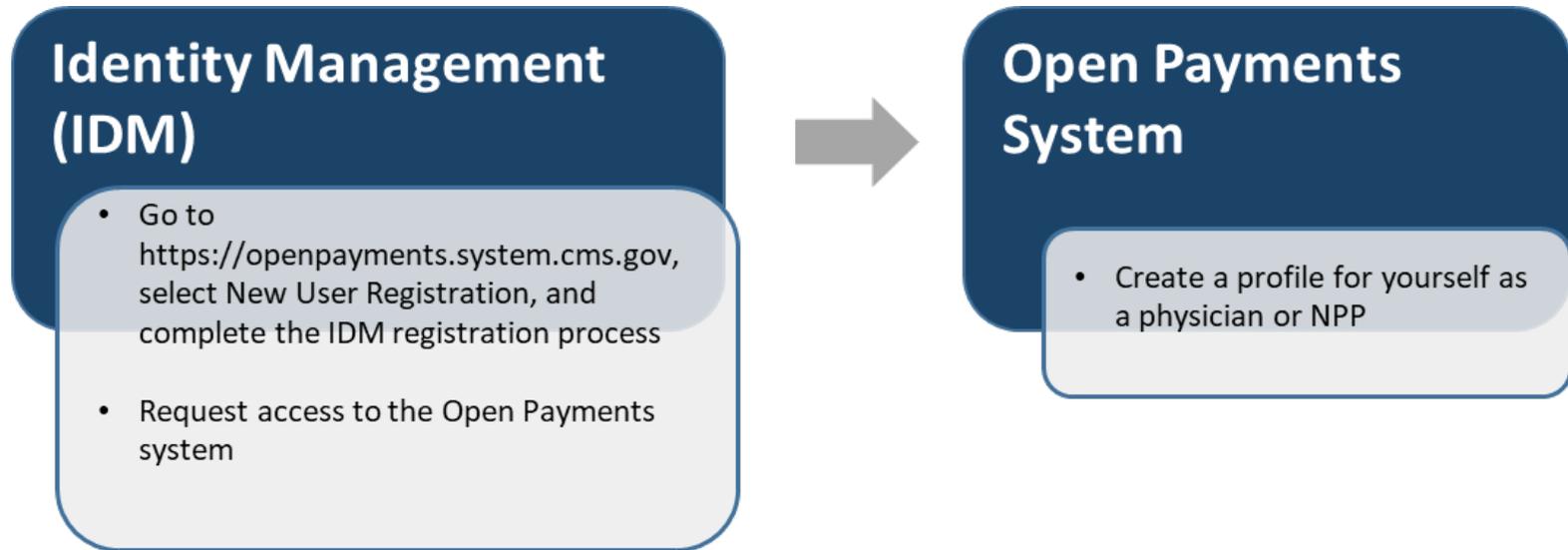
- Registration is required for a covered recipient to be able to review and dispute payment records prior to their publication.
- Registration may be done at any time.
- Records submitted by reporting entities will be available for review and dispute beginning in April and will be eligible for review through the end of the calendar year.
- A 45-day Pre-publication Review and Dispute period is in April of each year. Covered recipients have an opportunity to review and dispute any records during this time before records are published in initial publication.
- Disputes, or changes resulting from disputes initiated after the 45-day review and dispute period, will be reflected in subsequent data publications.
- CMS does **not** mediate dispute resolutions between reporting entities and covered recipients.
- For additional information on the review and dispute process, refer to Chapter 4 of the Open Payments User Guide for Covered Recipients.

Two-Step Registration Process for Physicians and NPPs



- The Open Payments System is located at <https://openpayments.system.cms.gov>.
- The CMS Enterprise Portal is located at <https://portal.cms.gov>.
- If you are already registered in Identity Management and requested access to Open Payments, it is not necessary to do so again.

Two-Step Registration Process for Teaching Hospitals



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- **The CMS Enterprise Portal is located at <https://portal.cms.gov>.**
- **If you already registered in Identity Management and requested access to Open Payments, it is not necessary to do so again.**

Note: Hospital-based physicians must register as physicians, unless they are reviewing and disputing records on behalf of the teaching hospital. Users registering as teaching hospital users must be appropriately authorized by the hospital administration to review and dispute payments made to the hospital.

IDM Overview

- Successful registration in both IDM and the Open Payments system is required for individuals who wish to access the Open Payments system.
- Some individuals who request electronic access to CMS-protected information or systems (such as IDM) must first have their identities verified.
 - Identity verification is the process of providing information (e.g., identity history, credentials, or documents) to prove that a person is the same person he or she claims to be.
- For step-by-step instructions on how to register in IDM, refer to Chapter 3 of the Open Payments User Guide for Covered Recipients.
- IDM will lock a user account after 60+ days of inactivity; IDM will deprovision a user account after 2 years of inactivity. Users with a deprovisioned account must create a new account using a new User ID.
- Returning IDM users who need help with User ID and password issues can use the self-help kiosk on the login page, or contact the Open Payments Help Desk at 1-855-326-8366 or 1-844-649-2766 (TTY line) .
- For account assistance, contact the Open Payments Help Desk at 1-855-326-8366 or 1-844-649-2766 (TTY line).

Physician and NPP Registration in the Open Payments System

Physician/NPP Registration in Open Payments System

- Physicians and NPPs must be registered in IDM and the Open Payments system to participate in review and dispute activities.
 - Hospital-based physicians/NPPs must register as physicians/NPPs if they wish to review and dispute records associated with their role as a physician/NPP.
 - A physician/NPP may nominate one authorized representative to access the system on their behalf.
- Physicians/NPPs who serve as principal investigators on any industry-funded research study may be reported as principal investigators associated with research payments; such physicians/NPPs should register in the physician/NPP role to be able to review and, if necessary, dispute their association with any research payments reported by the industry.

Physician/NPP Registration in Open Payments System (cont.)

- Make sure the name used for registration matches exactly with the name in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), if applicable.
- Enter the National Provider Identifier (NPI), if applicable, exactly as listed in NPPES for the current calendar year and enter at least one active state license.
- Physicians/NPPs and their Authorized Representatives can use a foreign address during registration within the Open Payments system.
 - Users may register with a foreign address by selecting their country in the "Country" dropdown field.
 - Please refer to Chapter 3 of the Open Payments User Guide for Covered Recipients for assistance.

Physician/NPP Vetting

- Physicians/NPPs are vetted in the system using information supplied during Open Payments system registration, including:
 - First and last name
 - National Provider Identifier (NPI) (Required if the physician/NPP has one)
 - State license(s) information
 - Primary type (if no NPI is provided)
- Physicians/NPPs will receive an email confirming vetting success or failure.
- Provide as much information as possible - more information can speed the vetting process.
- Successful vetting is required for the physicians/NPPs to perform any actions within the Open Payments system.
- Physicians/NPPs cannot edit their first name, last name, or NPI after vetting is successful; they must contact the Open Payments Help Desk to edit this information.
- If vetting is unsuccessful, physicians/ NPPs should contact the Open Payments Help Desk for assistance 1-855-326-8366 or 1-844-649-2766 (TTY line).

Teaching Hospital Registration in the Open Payments System

Teaching Hospital Registration in Open Payments System

- Only teaching hospitals listed on the CMS Open Payments teaching hospital lists can register in the Open Payments system.
 - Teaching hospital lists for individual program years are available on the Resources page of the Open Payments website.
- Teaching hospitals must register using the hospital's "doing business as" (DBA) name.
 - DBA name is listed in the "Hospital Name" field in the teaching hospital list.
- Teaching hospitals not on the current program year list, but found on a prior year's teaching hospital list, can register for that prior program year.

Teaching Hospital Registration (cont.)

- Teaching hospital users can hold one of two user roles: Authorized Official and/or Authorized Representative.
- Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated for one of these roles.
- Teaching hospitals can have up to 10 individuals associated with them in the Open Payments system, up to five of whom may be authorized officials.
- For additional assistance, refer to Chapter 3 of the Open Payments User Guide for Covered Recipients.

Teaching Hospital User Roles and Nominations

User Role	Function
Authorized Official	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Registers the teaching hospital in the Open Payments systemApproves or modifies nominations and requests for user roles made by others, including self-nominationsNominates other users, modifies existing user roles, and deactivates users (if necessary)Reviews, affirms and if necessary, disputes records associated with the teaching hospitalViews and downloads the system generated messages
Authorized Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviews, affirms and if necessary, disputes records associated with the teaching hospitalNominates other individuals for user roles with teaching hospital (nominations must be confirmed by an authorized official)Views and downloads the system generated messages

Next Steps & Available Resources

Next Steps

For New Physicians, NPPs and Teaching Hospitals:

- Register self in IDM and request access to the Open Payments system.
- Register self and teaching hospital (if applicable) in Open Payments system.
- Assign user roles to serve on your behalf.
 - Physicians/NPPs: You may assign an authorized representative
 - Teaching hospitals: You may assign authorized representatives and/or authorized officials
- Continue reviewing data until end of the calendar year

For Returning Physicians, NPPs and Teaching Hospitals:

- Ensure your IDM account is active.
 - If necessary, email the Open Payments Help Desk for account assistance
- Confirm user roles and/or assign additional individuals to user roles.
 - Physicians/NPPs: Confirm and/or assign an authorized representative
 - Teaching hospitals: Confirm and/or assign authorized representatives and authorized officials
- Continue reviewing data until end of the calendar year.

Available Registration Resources

- Review available resources on the Resources page of the CMS Open Payments website at <https://www.cms.gov/OpenPayments/About/Resources.html>.
 - Open Payments User Guide for Covered Recipients
 - Tutorials
 - Teaching Hospital Lists
- Open Payments Help Desk:
 - openpayments@cms.hhs.gov
 - 1-855-326-8366
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Open Payments Resources

- A variety of Open Payments Program information and resources are available on the [Open Payments website](#).
- Registration Resources Include:
 - Open Payments User Guide for Covered Recipients: Chapter 3 Registration
 - Covered Recipient Registration Page at: <https://www.cms.gov/OpenPayments/Program-Participants/Covered-Recipients/Registration>
- Subscribe to the Open Payments email list to stay up to date on the most recent program announcements & reminders
 - Sign up on the Open Payments Contact Us Page at: <https://www.cms.gov/OpenPayments/Contact-Us>
- Contact the Help Desk if you have other questions or need technical assistance
 - Email: openpayments@cms.hhs.gov
 - Call: 1-855-326-8366 (TTY Line: 1-844-649-2766)
- View the published data on the [Open Payments Search Tool](#)

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