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Open Payments

What healthcare providers should know.

ABOUT OPEN PAYMENTS

Open Payments is a national disclosure program from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that promotes a more financially transparent and accountable health care system.

Pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers must report to CMS their payments or transfers of value to health care providers for research, meals, travel, gifts, speaking fees, and more.

Through Open Payments, CMS makes this data available to the public. On **OpenPaymentsData.CMS.gov**, anyone can search for health care providers and see the payments they received, when they received them, and the companies that made the payments.

Just because financial ties are reported in Open Payments does not mean anyone has done anything wrong. Open Payments does not identify which payments are beneficial or which may cause conflicts of interests.

WHAT HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SHOULD DO

- Register for Open Payments at **portal.cms.gov**.
- Check data reported about you every spring, April 1 – May 15.
- If a patient asks, answer questions and provide more information about the payments to you.
- Tell your colleagues about Open Payments.

OPEN PAYMENTS DATA

Since 2014, CMS has published: 78.55 million records representing \$59.69 billion in payments from 2,700 companies to 1.1 million physicians and 1,300 teaching hospitals.

Covered Recipients

Open Payments includes data about:

- Physicians
- Advanced practice providers
- Teaching hospitals

Reporting Entities

These organizations report data to Open Payments:

- Pharmaceutical companies
- Device manufacturers
- Group purchasing organizations (GPOs)

Make sure the information about you in Open Payments is correct. Register for Open Payments and check your data every spring, April 1 – May 15. You also can assign administrative staff to check the data for you each year.



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