



NEWS UPDATE

End-Stage Renal Disease and Clinical Laboratories Open Door Forum

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**Updated October 1, 2009- Special Open Door Forum: End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule Overview will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 3:30pm-5pmET. During this ODF, CMS staff will highlight the key features of the proposed ESRD PPS Proposed Rule including composition of the bundle and basis for the proposed unit of payment, data sources used in developing the system, proposed patient-level and facility-level case mix adjusters, proposed outlier policy and proposed market basket. This call is Conference Call Only. If you wish to participate dial 800-837-1935 Conference ID 26811397.

Discussion materials will be available to download at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ESRDPayment/> by October 14, 2009. See the Downloads section below for the full participation announcement. Thank you for your continued interest in the CMS Open Door Forums.

*Town Hall Meeting: End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule will be held on Friday, October 23, 2009 from 9am-12noon ET. The purpose of this meeting is to allow interested parties to make oral statements in response to the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) proposed rule that was published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2009. Individuals interested in attending the event on-site at the CMS complex must register in advance. We are extending registration until Friday, October 9, 2009 or until seating capacity has been reached, whichever occurs first. Please note: Registration is required only for on-site participation. Individuals interested in listening to the event via conference call should not register and can dial 1-800-837-1935, conference ID number 33239635. See the Downloads section below to view the full participation announcement, including how to register to attend the Town Hall Meeting in-person.

To find out when the next End Stage Renal Disease focused Open Door Forum is scheduled for, please refer to the "Related Links Inside CMS" section to sign up on the Mailing List. A Mailing List notice with the participation information will be sent 2 weeks prior to the scheduled date.

*****End Stage Renal Disease & Clinical Laboratories Open Door Forum Overview**

The End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and Clinical Laboratories Open Door Forum (ODF) addresses the concerns of the renal care and lab service communities in relation to the Medicare & Medicaid programs. Payment, billing, and coverage issues are all handled in the discussions, as well as specifics within CLIA, the Fistula First Initiative, and ESRD-related provisions of the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) and the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA). Timely announcements and clarifications regarding important rulemaking, agency program initiatives, and other related areas are also included in the forums.

Downloads

[Friday, October 23, 2009- Town Hall Meeting: End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule \(PDF, 24KB\)](#)

[Thursday, October 15, 2009- Special Open Door Forum: End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule Overview \(PDF, 24KB\)](#)

[Friday, April 3, 2009- CHIP Webcast: "Affordable Health Care for Kids: Moving Forward Without Delay" \(PDF, 24KB\)](#)

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