



News Update

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Conference”
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End-Stage Renal Disease and Clinical Laboratories Open Door Forum

Special Open Door Form: End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program Payment Year 2012: Proposed Rule Overview for Facilities, Providers and Suppliers will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 from 2pm-3:30pmET. 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. 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/ESRDQualityImprovemnt/> by August 17, 2010. This call is Conference Call Only. We look forward to your participation. If you wish to participate, dial 800-837-1935 and reference Conference ID#: 94516791. Please see the Downloads section below to view the full participation announcement. Thank you for your continued interest in the CMS Open Door Forums.

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Next Board Meeting

August 20, 2010 ~ Oakland

For more information, on-line registration and hard copy registration forms, please visit our web site at: www.californiadialysis.org

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

Tuesday, August 24, 2010- Special Open Door Forum: [End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program Payment Year 2011: Proposed Rule Overview for Facilities, Providers and Suppliers](#)
(PDF, 24KB)