

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**  
**Special Open Door Forum:**  
**Hospital Inpatient Value-Based Purchasing Program**  
**Fiscal Year 2013: Proposed Rule Overview**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2011**  
**1:30 – 3:30PM ET**  
**Conference Call Only**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to discuss the proposed rule for the Hospital Inpatient Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program that will go into effect October 1, 2012 (for Fiscal Year 2013).

This Special ODF is designed specifically for hospitals and hospital quality experts, Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and advocates in an effort to increase awareness and understanding of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on January 13, 2011, and can be read online at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-01-13/pdf/2011-454.pdf>.

The rule was designed to implement section 3001 of the Affordable Care Act, which requires CMS to establish a new Hospital VBP Program that rewards hospitals for providing high quality, safe care to patients. Under the FY 2013 Hospital VBP Program, hospitals that perform well on quality measures relating both to clinical process of care and to patient experience of care, or those making improvements in their performance on those measures, would receive higher payments.

During this ODF, CMS staff will highlight the key features of the proposed Hospital VBP Program for fiscal year 2013, including but not limited to:

- Brief overview of the Program and its provisions under Section 3001 of the Affordable Care Act;
- Proposals for the performance period, quality measures, and performance standards;
- Proposed scoring and incentive payment calculation methodology;
- Proposed hospital notification and review processes; and
- Transparency of quality measure performance as part of the Hospital VBP Program framework.

After CMS' presentation, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions. Because CMS is in formal rulemaking, we will not be able to respond to questions beyond the scope of the proposed rule. We will be in "listen-only" mode for clarifying questions or comments related to proposals that are not already stated within our proposal.

All participants are strongly encouraged to submit comments through the formal rulemaking process. Instructions on how to submit comments for the rule are included at the beginning of the Federal Register document, linked above.

Discussion materials for this Special ODF will be available to download at <http://www.cms.gov/hospitalqualityinits> by February 3, 2011.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 (toll free)

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