OPEN PAYMENTS

Creating public transparency into industryphysician financial relationships

12th Annual Forum on Transparency & Aggregate Spend

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Open Payments Defined

Open Payments is a national disclosure program that promotes a more transparent and accountable health care system by making the financial relationships between applicable manufacturers and group purchasing organizations (GPOs) and health care providers (physicians and teaching hospitals) available to the public.



Program Operation



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DATA COLLECTION

Applicable Manufacturers & GPOs

SUBMIT PAYMENT DATA

Applicable Manufacturers & GPOs

REVIEW & DISPUTE DATA

Physicians & Teaching Hospitals

REVIEW & CORRECT DATA

Applicable Manufacturers & GPOs

DATA
DISPLAYED
ON CMS
PUBLIC
WEBSITE

January 1 – December 31, 2017 February 1 – March 31, 2018

April 1 – May 15, 2018 May 16 – May 30, 2018 On or by June 30, 2018

The timeline above is based on Program Year 2017.





The Data: Program Year 2017



Program Year 2017 Data Publication

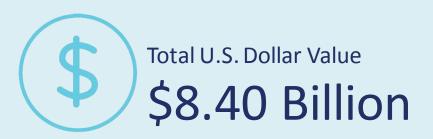


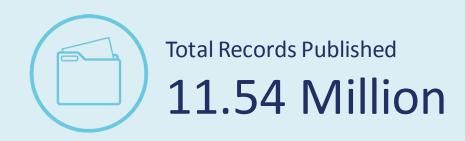
- On June 29, 2018 CMS published the Open Payments Program Year 2017 data.
- Program Year 2017 is the fourth full program year data publication
- For Program Year 2017, 11.54 million records were published attributable to 628,000 physicians and 1,158 teaching hospitals



Program Year 2017

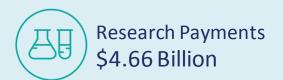








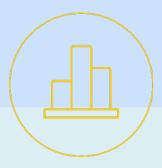
General Payments \$2.82 Billion



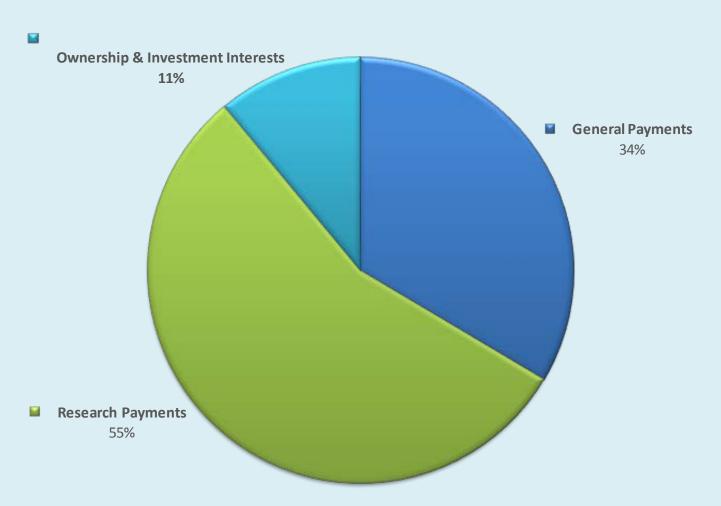




Program Year 2017



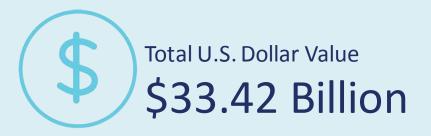
Program Year 2017 Payment Categories

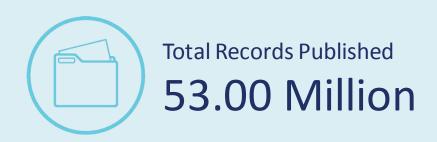




All Program Years 2013 - 2017

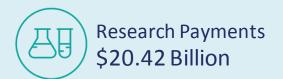


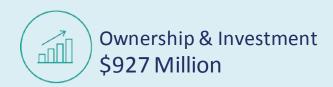






General Payments \$12.07 Billion

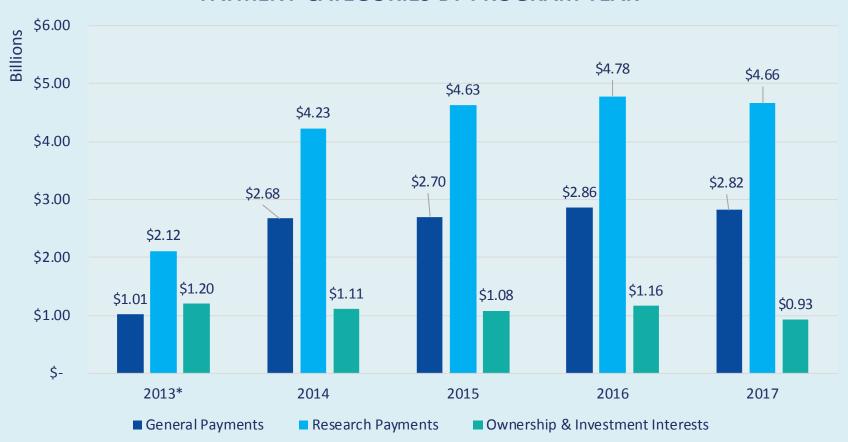






Program Years 2013 – 2017

PAYMENT CATEGORIES BY PROGRAM YEAR



^{*}Program Year 2013 was a partial year of data collection (August 2013 – December 2013)



General Payments



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In Program Year 2017 10.93 million general payment records were reported amounting to \$2.82 billion

General Payments make up 33.5% of the total dollar value of Program Year 2017





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Research Payments

Over the course of the Open Payments program, research payments have been a rising category and represented 55.4% of the total dollar amount reported in Program Year 2017





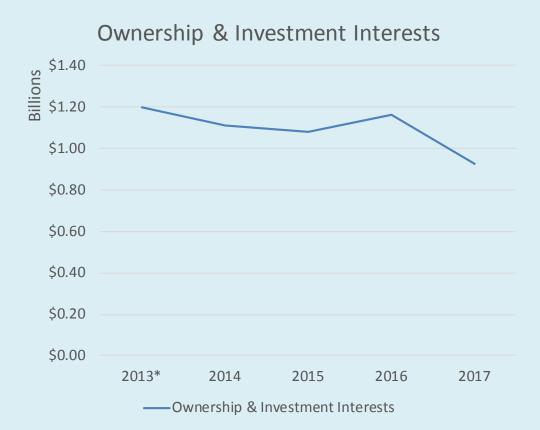
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Ownership & Investment Interests



Ownership and Investment
Interests made up 11.0% of
the total reported dollar
value for Program Year 2017

Ownership and Investment Interests did decrease from Program Year 2016 to Program Year 2017

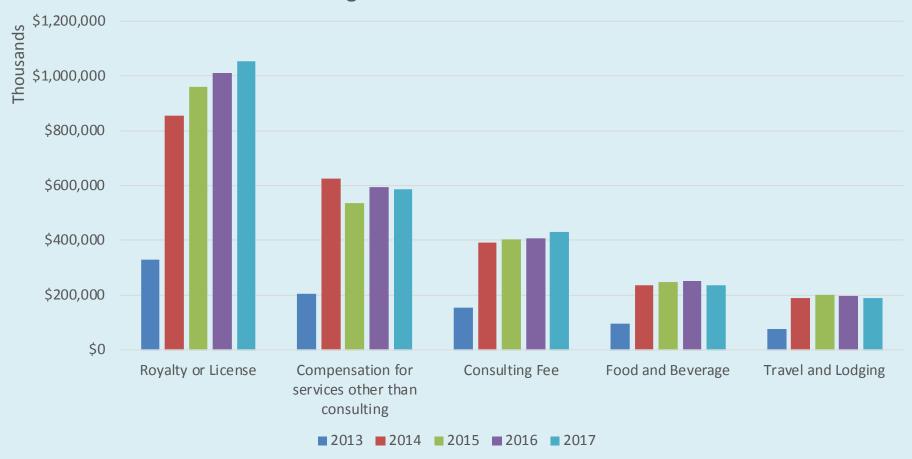




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Top Five Total General Payments by Dollar Value – Nature of Payments

Top Five Nature of Payment Categories by Dollar Value Program Years 2013* - 2017

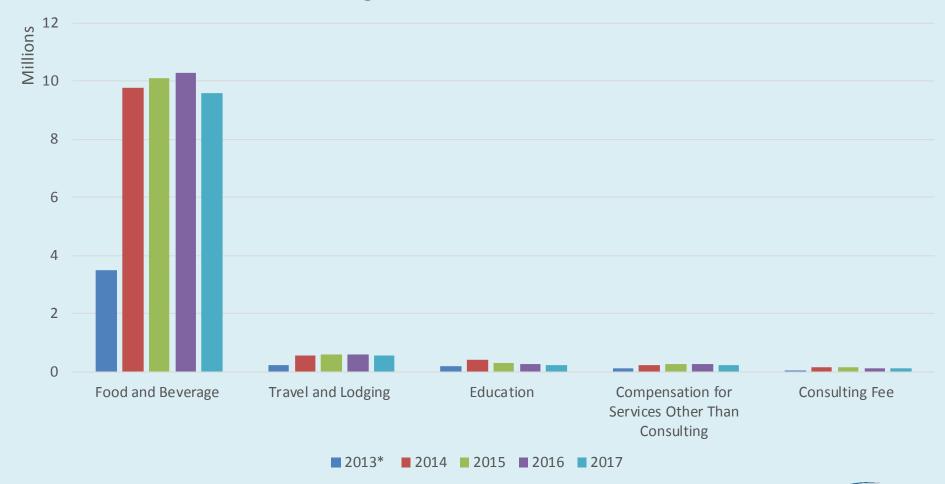






Top Five Total General Payments by Number of Payments – Nature of Payments

Top Five Nature of Payment Categories by Number of Payments
Program Years 2013* - 2017







System Enhancements in 2019



- Update bulk file validation to match those of the graphic user interface for validating physician taxonomy codes
- Ability to access system generated emails via an inbox of the system
- Usability enhancements to reduce the amount of scrolling and clicking needed when editing a record via the graphic user interface



System Enhancements 2019



- Enhancements to expired license warning presentation
- Duplicative upload prevention
- Provide users ability to delete records directly from the Review and Dispute page
- Performance enhancements to reduce processing time of final submission and allow user to move records to final submission status without requiring all records to be ready for submission



Engagement & Outreach Initiatives



- Physician Review & Dispute Mail Campaign
 - Spring 2018
 - Letters distributed to nearly 55,000 physicians encouraging pre-publication review of Program Year 2017 data
- Trainings and Education
 - Webinars focused on reporting activities
 - National Provider Call Physician and Teaching Hospital Participation Education
- Collaborative Calls
 - Regular meetings with stakeholder groups



We want to hear from you!

- The Open Payments program welcomes feedback from the public on the program's operations and reporting requirements
- Currently CMS is requesting information on the following topics:
 - Impact of CME reporting requirements
 - Nature of financial relationships between CME providers, applicable manufacturers, GPOs, and covered recipients
 - How educational materials directly and indirectly benefit patients
 - Possible solutions for reducing reporting burden while ensuring transparency is maintained
- For more details and to provide feedback:
 - visit cms.gov/openpayments
 - provide feedback at <u>opfeedback@cms.hhs.gov</u>



Dates to Remember



- November 15, 2018
 - Deadline for corrections to <u>undisputed records</u>
 - Deadline to remove any previous delay in publication requests
- December 31, 2018
 - Covered Recipient Review & Dispute Deadline
 - Covered recipients have until the end of the calendar year to review and if necessary initiate a dispute on Program Year 2017 or newly published data
- January 2019
 - Data Refresh



Stay Connected

- VISIT THE OPEN PAYMENTS WEBSITE
 - for resources including Open Payments FAQs and more information about the program
 - o https://cms.gov/openpayments
- SUBSCRIBE TO THE LISTSERV on our Contact Us Page
- SEARCH THE DATA at: https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov
- HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?
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