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## Medicare Provider Feedback Town Hall Meeting

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare carriers, fiscal intermediaries (FIs), durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs), DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), and regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs), for services to Medicare beneficiaries

### Background

The purpose of this Special Edition (SE) article is to alert individual Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) providers and suppliers that a town hall meeting soliciting their opinions is scheduled. CMS recognizes and values the importance of medical associations, individual provider and supplier perspectives and looks forward to providing this town hall meeting as a feedback venue.

### Key Points

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will convene a Town Hall meeting on September 20, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).
- The meeting will be held in the CMS auditorium located at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244 and by teleconference.
- Those wishing to participate via teleconference may dial **1-877-357-7851** and use

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conference ID number 2323964.

- Individuals wishing to participate, either in person or via teleconference, must complete the online registration at [http://registration.intercall.com/menu.php?short\\_name=cms2](http://registration.intercall.com/menu.php?short_name=cms2). For in person attendance, be sure to register prior to 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 18, 2006, to assure access to the building. You must also present a photo ID, preferably a driver's license to gain access to the meeting in person.
- The meeting will provide CMS with an open and public venue to interact with individual Medicare physicians, providers and suppliers and obtain their feedback on a variety of Medicare policy and operational issues.
- All physicians, providers, and suppliers who participate in the Medicare program, including hospitals, home health agencies, and their third party billers, are invited to attend this meeting.

## Additional Information

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If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier, DMERC, DME MAC, FI, or RHHI at their toll-free number which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip>  
on the CMS website.

### Flu Shot Reminder

September is the perfect time to start talking with your patients about getting the flu shot. Medicare provides coverage for the flu vaccine and its administration. Please encourage your Medicare patients to take advantage of this vital benefit. And don't forget – health care professionals and their staff benefit from the flu vaccine also. **Protect Yourself. Protect Your Patients. Get Your Flu Shot.**

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