

The next CMS Rural Health Open Door Forum is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Start Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm Eastern Time (ET);

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Conference Leaders: Carol Blackford, John Hammarlund and Jill Darling.

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1. Opening Remarks

- a. Chair- Carol Blackford, (CM)
- b. Co-Chair – John Hammarlund, Regional Administrator, Seattle Regional Office
- c. Moderator – Jill Darling, Office of Communications

2. Announcements & Updates

- a. Extension of the timeline for publication of the “Medicare and Medicaid Program; Revisions to the Requirements for Discharge Planning for Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies” Final Rule
- b. National Quality Forum (NQF) Measures for Rural Health Services
- c. Opioid Roadmap
  - <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/Downloads/Opioid-epidemic-roadmap.pdf>

3. Open Q&A

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