

The next CMS Physicians, Nurses & Allied Health Professionals Open Door Forum scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday February 20, 2018

Start Time: 2:00 PM Eastern Time (ET);

Please dial-in at least 15 minutes before call start time.

Conference Leaders: Marge Watchorn (Center for Medicare) & Dr. Gene Freund (OC)

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#### I. Opening Remarks

Chair – Marge Watchorn (CM)

Co-Chair – Dr. Gene Freund (OC)

Moderator – Jill Darling (OC)

#### II. Announcements

- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 – Brief Overview of Medicare Extender Provisions
- Open Payments- Program Year 2017 reminders

#### III. Open Q&A

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