

The next Home Health, Hospice & DME Open Door Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 2:00-3:00 PM Eastern Time (ET).

Please call at least 15 minutes prior to the forum start time.

****This Agenda is Subject to Change****

I. Opening Remarks

Chair – Hillary Loeffler, Center for Medicare
Moderator – Jill Darling (OC)

II. Announcements & Updates

Hospice Agenda Items:

- Update on electronic submission of hospice Notices of Election
- Hospice Upcoming Training and Education Events
- HIS Modifications After Preview Reports

Home Health Agenda Items:

- Claims Adjustments for 2018 Home Health Rural Add-on Payments
- Posting of Materials from Abt Associates' Home Health Technical Expert Panel Meeting held on February 1, 2018 (link: <https://www.cms.gov/center/provider-Type/home-Health-Agency-HHA-Center.html>)
- Clarification in calculation of the cross-setting measure Percent of Residents or Patients with Pressure Ulcers that are New or Worsened
- Changes to the on-demand CASPER reports
- Changes to the calculation algorithm for "Timely Initiation of Care" to align with the new CoP
- Update for HHCAHPS
 - <https://homehealthcahps.org>
 - HHCAHPS@RTI.org
 - HomeHealthCAHPS@cms.hhs.gov
- Low Volume Appeals Opportunity Announcement
 - <http://go.cms.gov/LVA>
 - medicaresettlementfaqs@cms.hhs.gov

III. Open Q&A

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