

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

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2016;

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

Please dial in at least 15 minutes prior to call start time.

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

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- I. Opening Remarks
- II. Chair- Carol Blackford, (CM)
Co-Chair – John Hammarlund, Regional Administrator, Seattle Regional Office
Moderator – Jill Darling, Office of Communications
- III. Announcements & Updates
 - a. Hospital and Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care Proposed
 - b. New Medicare Payment System for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests Based on Private Payor Rates
- IV. Open Q&A

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Next ODF: August 18, 2016

****NEW Rural Health ODF email: RuralHealthODF@cms.hhs.gov****

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