

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Special Open Door Forum:  
Medicare Shared Savings Program:  
Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)  
Thursday, June 24, 2010 2:00-4:00 pm ET  
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum on the Medicare Shared Savings Program. This Special Open Door Forum will focus on the formation and use of accountable care organizations, or ACOs, to enhance the quality and efficiency of physician services. The purpose of this Special Open Door Forum is to solicit comments from physicians, physician associations, hospitals, consumer groups, and all others interested in the implementation of this new program.

Following a brief presentation by CMS staff on the statutory requirements of the Shared Savings Program, we will open the phones to comments. CMS is seeking stakeholder input on a number of topics including:

- Joint accountability among providers in the formation and use of accountable care organizations;
- Cost and quality measures to assess performance;
- Risk adjustment;
- Assignment of Medicare beneficiaries to ACOs;
- Benchmarks for purposes of defining shared savings;
- Coordination with other value-based purchasing initiatives;
- Medicare beneficiary protections.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID 82156293. Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording and transcript of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at,

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05\\_ODF\\_SpecialODF.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp) and will be accessible for downloading beginning on or around Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

For automatic emails of Open Door Forum schedule updates (E-Mailing list subscriptions) and to view Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoorforums/>.

Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.