

Special CMS Open Door Forum: The Medicare E-Prescribing Program

Thursday, January 5, 2006
2:00 – 4:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time)

Conference Call Only

On Thursday, January 5, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) focusing on clarification and discussion of the E-prescribing Final Rule and the adopted standards for e-prescribing that were published in the Federal Register on Monday November 7, 2005.

Under Title I of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), this rule adopts foundation standards that were not subject to pilot testing because they demonstrated adequate industry experience, and are the first set of final uniform standards for conducting e-prescribing transactions.

During this two-hour Open Door Forum, we hope to clarify understanding of the final rule and provide an overview of some of its key elements. We intend to discuss the timeline for the adoption of additional e-prescribing standards, the proposed foundation standards, and CMS' plans to conduct a pilot project to test the additional standards. The pilot project will test and examine the interoperability of these additional standards with the adopted foundation standards. Based on the results of the pilot project, the Secretary will adopt final uniform standards in 2008 in accordance with the timing prescribed by the statute. We will allow ample time for questions or comments, and expect to listen to and respond to a broad and representative sample of input from various stakeholders.

To view the final rule, please use the following web link:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-22026.pdf>

Additionally, a set of questions and answers on the final rule can be found on the CMS web site at http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?&p_cv=2.229

We look forward to your participation during this open session.

Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

General Public

Dial: 1-800-837-1935

Reference Conference ID: 3100443

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ENCORE: 1-800-642-1687

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