

**Special Open Door Forum on
Electronic Health Records Demonstration
April 23, 2008
2:00pm 3:30pm ET
Conference Call Only**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum to discuss the CMS-developed, 5-year Demonstration Project designed to foster the implementation and adoption of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and Health Information Technology (HIT). The EHR demonstration project will encourage small to medium-sized primary care physician practices to use electronic health records to improve quality of patient care. The demonstration is designed to show that widespread adoption and use of EHRs will reduce medical errors and improve the quality of care.

CMS is soliciting partners interested in working with CMS to implement the EHR Demonstration in their communities. CMS Acting Administrator Kerry Weems, along with representatives from the CMS Office of Research, Development, and Information, will discuss the scope and requirements of the project and the application process, as well as allow time for question and answer.

Organizations seeking to partner with CMS to implement this demonstration in their regions must complete a "Medicare Waiver Demonstration Application". In some states, this process has been initiated by community partners. For information on contacting community partners in your area, please contact your CMS Regional Office.

More information on the demonstration project, including the Demonstration Fact Sheet, application and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1204776&intNumPerPage=10>

States or areas where Medicare already has similar projects and evaluations underway will be excluded from participating in this demonstration. A complete list of excluded areas can be found in the Demonstration Application Instructions at:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/downloads/EHR_Instructions.pdf

To submit questions prior to or after the Special ODF, you may send them to:
EHR_Demo@cms.hhs.gov

We look forward to your participation.

Open Door Participation Instructions:

Dial: **1-800-837-1935** & Reference Conference ID: **44055307**

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<http://www.consumer.att.com/relay/which/index.html> . A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording 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 and will be accessible for downloading beginning **April 30, 2008**.

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/>

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