

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Special Open Door Forum:  
End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program  
Payment Year 2012: Proposed Rule Overview  
For Beneficiaries and Patient Advocates  
Tuesday, September 21, 2010  
2:00PM – 3:30PM ET  
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to discuss the proposed rule for the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) that will go into effect January 1, 2012.

This Special ODF is designed specifically for ESRD beneficiaries, their families, and advocates in an effort to increase awareness and understanding of the proposed rule. In addition, the discussion will cover potential effects of the ESRD QIP. Most importantly, this Forum provides CMS with the opportunity to engage and listen to the needs and concerns of the beneficiary and advocate community.

The rule went on display at the Federal Register on July 26, 2010, and can be read online at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-18465.pdf>.

During this ODF, CMS will provide a comprehensive overview of the proposed rule and provide key insights to the ESRD QIP, including:

- Why the Quality Incentive Program was needed;
- How it will impact the care beneficiaries currently receive;
- What will change as a result of implementing the ESRD QIP and what will stay the same;
- An overview of the ESRD QIP;
- How the ESRD QIP was designed to improve quality of care; and
- How beneficiaries, their families, and patient advocates can submit comments and play a role in improving quality of dialysis care.

After CMS' presentation, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Discussion materials for this Special ODF will be available to download at <http://www.cms.gov/ESRDQualityImproveInit/> by September 17, 2010.

We look forward to your participation and comments.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:  
Dial: 1-800-837-1935 Reference Conference ID#: 98957601.

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An audio recording and transcript of this Special Open Door Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website: [http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05\\_ODF\\_SpecialODF.asp](http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp) and will be accessible for downloading beginning on or around October 7, 2010 and will be available for 30 days.

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.gov/opendoorforums>.

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