

## **Special Open Door Forum:**

### **Post-Acute Care**

#### **Development of a Patient Assessment Instrument**

**Thursday, December 21, 2006**

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invite you to attend a Special Open Door Forum to discuss the development of a post-acute care patient assessment instrument to be used in the payment reform demonstration mandated under Section 5008 of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005. Under this provision, The Secretary is to establish a demonstration program by January 1, 2008 that would:

- use a comprehensive assessment at hospital discharge to help determine appropriate PAC placement based upon patient care needs and patient clinical characteristics;
- use a standardized assessment instrument to measure health status, functional status and other factors during treatment in PAC settings and at discharge from PAC settings
- gather data on care outcomes in various PAC settings

Through this Special Open Door Forum, CMS is seeking input and comments from health industry representatives and other interested stakeholders on the conceptual model being developed for the proposed PAC patient assessment instrument. Since the demonstration will test the use of this PAC assessment instrument starting at hospital discharge, and completed at inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), home health agencies (HHAs) and long-term care hospitals (LTCHs), it would be important to receive feedback from affected stakeholders.

More information on the CMS plan to implement the DRA demonstration is available at: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFPPS/11\\_post\\_acute\\_care\\_reform\\_plan.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFPPS/11_post_acute_care_reform_plan.asp#TopOfPage)

We look forward to your participation.

#### **YOU MAY PARTICIPATE BY PHONE OR “IN-PERSON”**

##### **1. To participate by phone:**

Dial: **1-800-837-1935** & Reference Conference ID: **2921982**  
(Persons participating by phone do not need to RSVP.)

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**2. To participate in person:**

This meeting will be located on Federal property, so for security reasons any person wishing to participate in person is **required to RSVP:**

**Please send your reply to [HOSPITALODF-L@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HOSPITALODF-L@cms.hhs.gov) by 2:00 PM EST, December 19, 2006.**

Include the words "**Special PAC ODF**" in the subject line of your message, and send us your name, organization or representation and phone number.

*Please arrive no later than 1:30 PM EST.*

Upon entering the CMS building you will be required to show government-issued identification to Security officers and you may be subject to baggage search.

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**ENCORE: 1-800-642-1687; Conference ID# 2921982**

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