

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Prior Authorization of Repetitive Scheduled
Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport Expansion
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
12:30-1:30 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

CMS will host a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to allow ambulance suppliers, other Medicare providers, and additional interested parties to learn about the upcoming expansion of the Prior Authorization of Repetitive Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport model to Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. The model began in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina in December 2014. This Special ODF will include information on the prior authorization process and a Q&A period.

The purpose of this model is to test whether prior authorization helps reduce expenditures, while maintaining or improving quality of care. CMS believes a prior authorization process will help ensure services are provided in compliance with applicable Medicare coverage, coding, and payment rules before services are rendered and before claims are submitted for payment.

Prior authorization will not create new clinical documentation requirements. Instead, it will require the same information necessary to support Medicare payment, just earlier in the process. Prior authorization allows providers and suppliers to address issues with claims prior to rendering services and to avoid an appeal process.

You can find more information on the model by going to:

<http://go.cms.gov/PAAmbulance>

Questions on the model can be sent to: AmbulancePA@cms.hhs.gov

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:

Participant Dial-In Number: 1-800-837-1935

Conference ID #: 70012700

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