

**SPECIAL OPEN DOOR FORUM:
Special Therapy Cap Exceptions Process
Monday, March 27, 2006
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)**

CMS announces a Special Open Door Forum on the Therapy Cap Exceptions Process. Policy Staff will identify what steps Medicare has taken to implement the new law related to Therapy Caps. Topics Include:

- * Eligibility for payment above the Cap
- * Beneficiary instructions for the approval process
- * Therapy Cap Exception Process Guidance on the CMS website

Conference Leaders: Dan Schwartz/Natalie Johnson

Open Door Participation Instructions:

There are two ways to participate in the Special Open Door Forum-- by phone or "in-person."

1. To participate by phone:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 & Reference Conference ID 6276237

Persons participating by phone are not required to RSVP.

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

2. To participate "in-person":

If you intend to participate in person, an RSVP is required. To RSVP, please send a reply to this email by close of business Thursday, March 23rd to SpecialODF@cms.hhs.gov

Please include the words "Therapy Cap Exceptions" in the subject line of your message, and send us the following information for each person attending:

- a) Your full name
- b) Your organization or representation
- c) Your contact information (phone and email)
- d) Any special needs information

ADDRESS:

Hubert H. Humphrey Bldg.

Conference Room 425A

200 Independence Avenue S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20201

Map & Directions: <http://www.hhs.gov/about/hhhmap.html>

ENCORE: 1-800-642-1687; Conf. ID# 6276237

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For Forum Schedule updates, Listserv registration and Frequently Asked Questions please visit our website at www.cms.hhs.gov/opendoor/.

Thank you.