

**Special Open Door Forum:**  
**Final Rule - Hospital Conditions of Participation:**  
**Requirements for Approval and Re-approval of Transplant**  
**Centers to Perform Organ Transplants**

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

**(Conference Call Only)**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to give an overview of the latest requirements for transplant centers seeking Medicare approval to perform organ transplants.

The final rule published on March 30, 2007 establishes conditions of participation for organ transplant centers and places Medicare-approved transplant centers under the survey and certification enforcement process for providers and suppliers. The rule went into effect on June 28, 2007. Medicare-approved transplant centers have until December 26, 2007, to apply for approval under the new conditions of participation. The regulation will promote quality care in transplantation. CMS expects the regulation will enhance oversight with coordination between CMS, State survey agencies, CMS Regional Offices, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) and the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR).

During this Forum, CMS will provide: (1) an overview of the transplant center final rule, and (2) a description of the application and survey process. HRSA will provide an overview of the relevant transplant data and discuss recent collaboration efforts between HRSA, OPTN and CMS in the implementation of CMS' final rule. A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

We look forward to your participation

**Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:**

To participate in this special forum, please register on the CMS website at <http://registration.intercall.com/go/cms2> . Upon registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing further participation information. The deadline for registration is **2:00 PM EDT, October 12, 2007**. Note: Capacity is limited so register early. Registering via the web will ensure we can accommodate as many participants as possible.

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