

**Special Open Door Forum:
Medicare Part B Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for
the Approved CAP Vendor Bidding Period**

**January 10, 2008
2pm-3:30pm Eastern Standard Time**

Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) on for the Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP). The CAP is an alternative to the Average Sales Price (ASP) “buy and bill” method for acquiring certain Medicare Part B drugs and biologicals. CMS anticipates releasing a solicitation for contracts to be awarded to vendors to supply drugs for the CAP. These vendor contracts would be effective January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011. CMS anticipates that the vendor bidding period will begin on January 14, 2008 and end on February 15, 2008.

The participating audience for this Special ODF is limited to entities that are interested in bidding to be an approved CAP vendor. Representatives from CMS and the CAP designated carrier will present information and be available to answer questions about the CAP and the bidding process.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door participation instructions:

If you are interested in registering for this Special Open Door 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 **5:00 PM EST, January 9, 2008**. Capacity is limited so register early. Registering via the web will ensure we can accommodate as many participants as possible.

An audio recording of this special forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning **January 16, 2008**.

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.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/>

Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.