

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
The Medicare Medical Home Demonstration
Tuesday, October 28, 2008
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM EDT
Conference Call Only

This Special Open Door Forum (ODF) is intended to inform physician practices and physicians about the design of the Medicare Medical Home Demonstration (MMHD) project. During this Special ODF, CMS will describe the definition of a Medicare Medical Home along with other demonstration information, including the goals of the demonstration, practice eligibility, and beneficiary eligibility requirements. CMS will also present the core capabilities required to qualify as a Medical Home and the monthly Medical Home fee amounts.

The Medicare Medical Home Demonstration is authorized by Section 204 of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA), which directs the Secretary to establish a demonstration project that will examine using a system of targeted, accessible, continuous and coordinated family-centered medical care directed at high-need populations. The demonstration applies to Medicare beneficiaries with chronic or prolonged illnesses that require regular medical monitoring, advising or treatment. The Medical Home will provide coordination of services for all enrolled beneficiaries through a “personal physician”. These services includes safe and secure technology to promote patient access to personal information and improved physician-patient relationship that allows for patient participation in his/her health care decisions.

This is a three-year demonstration which will begin by soliciting physician practices, FQHCs and CHCs to enroll in the demonstration. Outreach and recruitment of eligible practices is expected to begin in January 2009. Approved practices will be required to submit documentation demonstrating they meet the core capabilities to become a Medical Home. Monthly Medical Home fee payments will begin in January 2010.

We have posted background material on the demonstration at the following website:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1199247&intNumPerPage=10>

The material includes the slide presentation for this Special ODF, Medical Home Demonstration Design Report, Recommended Diagnoses for the Medical Home Demonstration (Hwang List), the Definition of two Medical Home Tiers (Table 2), the PPC-PCMH Tool and the Medical Home Descriptors.

We look forward to your participation.

Open Door Forum Instructions:

****Capacity is limited so dial in early. You may begin dialing into this forum as early as 1:45 PM ET.****

Dial: 1-800-837-1935

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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/>

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