

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:

Medicare's Prior Authorization for Power Mobility Devices Demonstration

Wednesday, March 21, 2012
3:00pm - 4:30pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

The purpose of this Special Open Door Forum (ODF) is to provide an opportunity for **suppliers and providers** to ask questions about the Demonstration.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct a demonstration that will implement a prior authorization process for certain medical equipment for all people with Medicare who reside in seven states with high populations of fraud- and error-prone providers (California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, and Texas). This is an important step toward paying appropriately for certain medical equipment that has a high error rate. This demonstration will help ensure that a beneficiary's medical condition warrants their medical equipment under existing coverage guidelines. Moreover, the program will assist in preserving a Medicare beneficiary's right to receive quality products from accredited suppliers.

CMS received many comments/suggestions on the Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs) demonstration. The CMS has considered these comments carefully. In response to comments received from stakeholders, the CMS has made a number of modifications to the Prior Authorization of PMD demonstrations.

- The CMS has completed a separate Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) notification for this demonstration.
- The CMS has removed the 100% Pre-Payment review phase (formerly Phase 1).
- The CMS will allow suppliers to perform the administrative function of submitting the prior authorization request on behalf of the physician/ treating practitioner.
- This demonstration will begin only after an OMB PRA control number is obtained. The CMS anticipates the start of this demonstration will be **on or after June 1, 2012**.

To read more about the Demonstration visit: go.cms.gov/PAdemo

Participants may submit questions prior to the Special ODF to pademo@cms.hhs.gov.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:
Please dial in at least 15 minutes prior to call start time.
Dial: (866) 501-5502 & Conference ID: 61952238

Note: TTY Communications Relay Services are available for the Hearing Impaired. For TTY services dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-855-2880. A Relay Communications Assistant will help.

An audio recording and transcript of this Special Open Door Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website on or around April 18, 2012:

https://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp#TopOfPage.

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.gov/opendoorforums/>.

Future Special Open Door Forums Scheduled for Medicare's Prior Authorization for Power Mobility Devices Demonstration: 4/26/12; 5/31/12; 6/28/12; and 7/27/12 at 3PM ET. Call information TBD.

Thank you for your interest in CMS Open Door Forums.