

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Independence at Home Demonstration
Monday, December 13, 2010
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EST
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is holding a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) in order to solicit stakeholder input for the design and development of the Independence at Home Demonstration. This Special ODF will be a “listening session” in which CMS hopes to gather information from stakeholders about issues that will affect demonstration design and implementation.

This demonstration was mandated by Section 3024 of the Affordable Care Act to test a payment incentive and service delivery model that utilizes physician and nurse practitioner directed home-based primary care teams designed to reduce expenditures and improve health outcomes in the provision of items and services to applicable beneficiaries.

CMS is interested in holding this Special ODF to gather input related to the design and implementation of the provision. CMS will not be able to respond to comments at this Forum but intends to consider the information we obtain as we develop this demonstration.

CMS is especially interested in information and feedback in the following topic areas:

- a. How do physicians and nurse practitioners with practices solely providing care in the home obtain referrals?
- b. Do the practices have relationships with hospitals and emergency rooms and if admitted to the hospital who follows the patient and who is the physician of record? Do primary care/admitting physicians/hospitalists refer patients to home care physician practices?
- c. What level of integration do home care physician practices have with electronic health records, remote monitoring, and mobile diagnostic technology?
- d. What are home care physician groups measuring to track their own performance? What quality metrics are meaningful for this very vulnerable population?

For a more information, please see the demonstration website:

<http://www.cms.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1240082&intNumPerPage=10>

We ask that all interested parties who wish to present their positions or comments prepare to speak for no more than 2 minutes.

CMS requests that interested parties prepare their comments or input in written form and submit this information to IndependenceAtHomeDemo@cms.hhs.gov.

Open Door Forum Instructions:

Capacity is limited so dial in early. You may begin dialing into this forum as early as 1:15 PM ET.

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 Reference Conference ID 30308336.

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.

If you cannot participate during the live event, the encore feature will be available approximately 2 hours after the completion of this call and end 12-13-2010. To access encore, dial 1-800-642-1687, and use the Participant ID listed above.

An audio recording and transcript of this Special ODF will be posted to the Special ODF website at http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading on or around January 13, 2011 and available for 30 days.

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/> .

Thank you.