

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Special Open Door Forum:  
Developing Outpatient Therapy Payment Alternatives (DOTPA)-  
Data Collection Update  
Thursday, August 19, 2010  
2:00 pm to 3:30 PM ET  
Conference Call Only

CMS invites all providers of Medicare Part B outpatient rehabilitation therapy to participate in a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) about the research project known as DOTPA, for "Developing Outpatient Therapy Payment Alternatives." CMS and its data collection contractor, RTI International, will explain the critical role of providers in this research. Medicare is now actively seeking providers to participate as data collection sites.

This Special ODF is intended for all institutional and noninstitutional providers of outpatient physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and speech language pathology (SLP) who are reimbursed under Medicare Part B. It may also be of interest to physicians who refer beneficiaries for outpatient therapy.

After explaining the goals of the research and updating the provider community on the DOTPA data collection forms, speakers will describe the provider enrollment and setup process, the training resources available for participants, and data collection operations at a typical site. Also, CMS will answer any questions you may have about what is involved in participating in this project.

DOTPA intends to enroll providers as data collection sites continuously through the remainder of this year. Data collection involves Medicare Part B patients only, and is expected to take up to six months at each participating provider. CMS encourages interested facilities, practices and individual providers to consider enrolling. By participating, providers gain an opportunity to contribute to ground-breaking research in case mix measurement and payment methodology for therapy services paid under Part B. More information about the project can be found at <http://optherapy.rti.org>.

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 Reference Conference ID 92977603

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 ODF will be posted to the Special ODF website at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05\\_ODF\\_SpecialODF.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp) and

will be accessible for downloading on or around Monday August 30, 2010 and available for 30 days.

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Thank you.