

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Town Hall Meeting:
End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule
Friday October 23, 2009
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT
CMS Central Office Auditorium and Conference Call

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requests your participation in a Town Hall meeting on Friday, October 23, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time). The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, with the opportunity to listen via conference call.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow interested parties to make oral statements in response to the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) proposed rule that was published in the Federal Register on September 29, 2009. This ESRD PPS proposed rule would implement a case-mix adjusted bundled prospective payment system for Medicare outpatient ESRD dialysis facilities beginning January 1, 2011, in compliance with section 153(b) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA). The proposed ESRD PPS would replace the current basic case-mix adjusted composite payment system and the methodologies for the reimbursement of separately billable outpatient ESRD related services.

The Town Hall meeting is open to the public. Primary audiences for this meeting include ESRD facilities and beneficiary, provider, supplier and laboratory groups.

Individuals interested in attending the event on-site at the CMS complex must register in advance. We are extending registration until Friday, October 9, 2009 or until seating capacity has been reached, whichever occurs first.

Please note: Registration is required only for on-site participation. Individuals interested in listening to the event via conference call should not register.

Registration Details for On-Site Attendance

Registration instructions for attending the Town Hall meeting on-site are located at the following web site:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ESRDPayment/PAY/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=4&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1228519&intNumPerPage=10>

We request that individuals interested in providing oral statements attend the event on-site. In addition to registering to attend on-site, these individuals are required to register separately to make an oral statement during the meeting. Speaker registration instructions are located at the following web site:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ESRDPayment/20_town_hall_speaker.asp#TopOfPage

In general, speaker registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. However, in the event the number of speaker requests exceeds the allotted timeframe for the town hall

meeting, we reserve the right to select those speakers that will offer the broadest array of topics and viewpoints.

Conference Call Participation

Individuals who are unable to attend on-site may listen in via a toll free conference line by dialing 1-800-837-1935, conference ID number 33239635. This call-in line will be available on a first come first served basis on Friday, October 23, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time).

A recorded audio version of the Town Hall meeting will also be available Monday, October 26, 2009 beginning at 9:00 AM through Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 11:59 PM (Eastern Daylight Time) by dialing 1-800-642-1687, conference ID number 33239635.

We look forward to your participation.

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.

Thank you for your interest in CMS Town Hall Meetings.