

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Nursing Home Value-Based Purchasing Demonstration

Monday, April 6, 2009
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to present an overview of the Nursing Home Value-Based Purchasing (NHVBP) demonstration. The primary audience for this call is Medicare certified nursing homes from the States that have been selected to host the demonstration: Arizona, Mississippi, New York and Wisconsin.

The NHVBP demonstration is a CMS initiative to improve the quality and efficiency of care furnished to Medicare beneficiaries residing in nursing homes. Under the demonstration, nursing homes will be eligible to receive performance payments if they achieve the highest performance levels or the most significant quality improvements based on four domains: nurse staffing, avoidable hospitalizations, minimum data set (MDS) outcomes and survey deficiencies. The availability of performance payments will depend on whether the demonstration produces savings to the Medicare program.

The implementation phase of this demonstration is scheduled for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. CMS is currently accepting applications from nursing homes in the above States through May 1, 2009. All applicants will be required to submit payroll and census data for the first quarter of calendar year 2009. During the pre-implementation period, nursing homes that volunteer to participate in the demonstration will be stratified and randomly assigned either to the demonstration, to a comparison group, or to neither group. Nursing homes assigned to the demonstration group will be required to submit payroll and census data every quarter throughout the demonstration.

During this Forum, CMS will explain in greater detail: (1) the application process and next steps for nursing homes interested in participating in the demonstration, and (2) an overview of the final demonstration design. A question and answer session will follow the presentation but due to the limited time available, questions from those eligible to participate will be answered first.

We look forward to your participation

Special ODF participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 & Reference Conference ID: 87622411

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An audio recording of this Special Forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning April 14, 2009.

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