

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) &
Electronic Prescribing (E-Prescribing) Incentive Programs
with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
3:30pm-5pm ET
Conference Call Only

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will co-host a Special Open Door Forum on the 2009 PQRI and E-Prescribing Incentive Programs with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) made the PQRI program permanent, but only authorized incentive payments through 2010. Eligible professionals who meet the criteria for satisfactory submission of quality measures data for services furnished during the reporting period, January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009, will earn an incentive payment of 2.0 percent of their total allowed charges for Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services furnished during that same period. The 2009 PQRI consists of 153 quality measures and 7 measures groups.

Section 132 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) authorizes a new and separate incentive program for individual eligible professionals who are successful electronic prescribers (e-Prescribers) as defined by MIPPA. This new incentive is separate from and is in addition to the quality reporting incentive program authorized by Division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 - Medicare Improvements and Extension Act of 2006 (MIEA-TRHCA) and known as the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI).

This Special Open Door Forum will be geared towards orthopaedic-specific topics related to participation in the PQRI and E-Prescribing Incentive Programs. Following the presentation, the telephone lines will be opened to allow participants to ask questions of the AAOS presenters, including Robert H. Haralson, III, MD, MBA; Barbara Sack, MHSA, CMPE; Toya M. Sledd, MPH, MBA; as well as CMS PQRI subject matter expert, Sylvia Publ.

PQRI information and educational products are available on the PQRI dedicated web page located at, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI>, on the CMS website. E-Prescribing information and educational products are available on the E-Prescribing dedicated web page located at, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ERXIncentive>, on the CMS website.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID 94236628

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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 May 28, 2009.

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.hhs.gov/opendoorforums/>.

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