

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Part D and Hospice
Tuesday, April 8, 2014
1:00 – 2:00 pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

CMS will host an Open Door Forum (ODF) call on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 to allow hospices and other interested parties to ask questions of CMS subject matter experts on the “Part D Payment for Drugs for Beneficiaries Enrolled in Hospice—Final 2014 Guidance” issued on March 10, 2014. You can find the slides for this ODF on the “Spotlight” section of the Hospice Center Webpage by going to: <http://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Hospice-Center.html>

On December 6, 2013, CMS issued a memorandum seeking to clarify the criteria for determining payment responsibility under the Part A hospice benefit and Part D for drugs for hospice beneficiaries. Based on these clarifications we suggested revised expectations for Part D sponsors to prevent duplicate payments for drugs covered under the hospice benefit or waived through the beneficiary’s hospice election. We issued that guidance for industry review and comment. We thank all who took the time to respond for your thoughtful comments in response to our request.

You can find the Final 2014 Guidance by going to: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Hospice/Downloads/Part-D-Payment-Hospice-Final-2014-Guidance.pdf>.

Questions on the Final 2014 Guidance can be sent to PARTDPOLICY@cms.hhs.gov. When submitting questions to this mailbox related to this guidance, please include “Hospice” in the subject line.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:
Participant Dial-In Number(s): 1-(800) 837-1935
Conference ID #: 25598571

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