

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Special Open Door Forum:

Comprehensive ESRD Care Initiative, Request for Application (RFA)  
Thursday, April 24, 2014  
2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern Time  
Conference Call Only

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), will host a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to allow dialysis facilities, nephrologists, other Medicare providers of services, suppliers, and other interested parties to ask questions on the revisions to the Request for Application (RFA) for the Comprehensive ESRD Care Initiative that was released on April 15, 2014.

The purpose of the Comprehensive ESRD Care (CEC) Initiative is to improve outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and reduce total per capita expenditures by creating financial incentives for dialysis facilities, nephrologists, and other Medicare providers of services and suppliers to collaboratively and comprehensively address the extensive needs of the complex ESRD beneficiary population. CMS has worked with stakeholders to revise the CEC initiative to allow for broad participation by both large dialysis organizations (LDOs) and non-LDOs. The changes reflect revisions to the participant owner requirements, the financial risk arrangement, and additional options for non-LDO's aggregation for the purpose of financial calculations. The revisions are intended to address concerns on financial arrangements, non-LDO's option to satisfy the requirement that an ESCO have a minimum of 350 matched beneficiaries for financial purposes while providing non-LDOs the opportunity to collectively lower minimum savings rate and increase financial incentives under the Initiative.

You can find the RFA by going to: <http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/comprehensive-ESRD-care/>

For frequently asked questions, please visit: <http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/comprehensive-ESRD-care/>

Feedback and questions on the revisions to the Request for Application (RFA) for the Comprehensive ESRD Care Initiative review can be sent to: [ESRD-CMMI@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:ESRD-CMMI@cms.hhs.gov)

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions:  
Participant Dial-In Number: 1-800-837-1935  
Conference ID #: 3416531

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