# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244



# Guidelines for Participation in 2025 Second Biannual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Public Meeting

The purpose of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') HCPCS Level II public meeting is to provide a forum for the public to present information regarding specific HCPCS Level II coding requests for items, supplies and services, Medicare benefit category, and Medicare payment determinations, if applicable. The final rule outlining this process (86 FR 73902) is available at <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/dmeposfeesched">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/dmeposfeesched</a>.

# **Public Meeting Dates**

- Primary date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)
- Overflow date: Thursday, December 18, 2025; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET

# **Public Meeting Location**

The HCPCS Level II public meeting will be a virtual event held:

- Teams: <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_OTdjY2U2NmItOTM2MS00NTUyLWJiMWItMzMxNzdlYmM1NDhi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbdcedc1-70a9-414b-bfa5-c3063fc3395e%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c8215af6-889d-487c-bea2-eb240b7c9a23%22%7d">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_OTdjY2U2NmItOTM2MS00NTUyLWJiMWItMzMxNzdlYmM1NDhi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22fbdcedc1-70a9-414b-bfa5-c3063fc3395e%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c8215af6-889d-487c-bea2-eb240b7c9a23%22%7d</a>
  - Meeting ID: 297 731 536 190 45 Passcode: Tz7xB3jp
  - (888) 588-2610 (Toll-free) Phone conference ID: 452 323 943#

#### **Background**

The public meeting is open to the public. The meeting typically has been attended by representatives of medical equipment manufacturers and suppliers; government relations, regulatory and compliance specialist personnel from various provider organizations; industry consultants; and CMS and other federal government staff. Applicants who submitted a HCPCS Level II code request for a product that appears on the public meeting agenda are welcome to attend; however, their attendance is not mandatory. The public meeting is designed for applicants and others to present additional information, clarify issues, and offer supporting or opposing perspectives regarding CMS' preliminary determinations. Final coding, Medicare benefit category, and Medicare payment determinations are not made at the public meeting. CMS reserves the right to change its preliminary determination following the public meeting. Final determinations may or may not model the preliminary determination. CMS maintains the HCPCS Level II code set and is the final decision-making authority concerning requests for HCPCS Level II codes. Medicare benefit category and Medicare payment determinations are not binding on non-Medicare payers. Please be aware that the assignment of a HCPCS Level II code, Medicare benefit category, or Medicare payment amount does not guarantee or imply that a product or service is covered by any insurer.

When CMS refers to a HCPCS Level II code or HCPCS Level II coding application, CMS may also be referring to circumstances when a HCPCS Level II code has already been issued but a Medicare benefit category and/or payment determination has not been specified.

#### **Public Meeting Agenda**

Items are placed on the public meeting agenda for new requests if the application for the item was complete and submitted timely through CMS' HCPCS Level II application process in the current coding cycle or as identified by CMS for public consideration. Prior to registering to attend the public meeting, all potential participants and other stakeholders are advised to review the list of topics for discussion at

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings, which identify CMS' preliminary coding, Medicare benefit category, and Medicare payment determinations. In establishing the public meeting agendas, CMS may group multiple, related code applications under the same agenda item. CMS will only allow discussion of those topics listed on the CMS website.

## **Overflow Procedures**

If all of the agenda items are not addressed on December 17, 2025, CMS will hold a subsequent virtual-only session on December 18, 2025 at 9 a.m. ET using the same Teams link information previously stated. We will proceed in the order of the HCPCS public meeting agenda, only discussing those that were not addressed on December 18, 2025, until complete. We will not go back and discuss any prior agenda items. Original registration will apply to the overflow date.

# **Participation Categories**

Every speaker must declare at the beginning of their presentation during the meeting, as well as in their written summary, whether they have any financial involvement with the applicant and manufacturer, if different, of the item that is the subject of the HCPCS Level II application, or with any competitors of that manufacturer with respect to the item. This includes any payment, salary, remuneration, or benefit provided to the speaker by the applicant, manufacturer, or any such competitors.

CMS requests that any speakers or written comments react specifically to the individual coding, Medicare benefit category, and Medicare payment determinations and state whether you support or disagree with it. If you disagree with the preliminary determination(s), please provide substantiating information and explanation, and offer a recommendation for CMS to consider in the final determination.

### A. Primary Speakers

Each applicant that submitted a HCPCS Level II code application that will be discussed at the public meeting is permitted to designate a primary speaker. Only one primary speaker is allowed per agenda item. The total time interval for a primary speaker, per agenda item, is fifteen minutes. A primary speaker is not allowed to designate any unused time to another speaker; unused time will be forfeited. Primary speakers must register and submit any supporting PowerPoint presentation by the stated deadline. CMS will accept PowerPoint

presentations (maximum of 10 slides in PowerPoint presentation format, not PDF) that are emailed to <a href="https://example.com/HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov">HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov</a> by the stated deadline below. We will not play videos, transitions, or animations during the public meeting session and request the speakers exclude these materials from their PowerPoint presentation and instead submit any relevant video or animation materials along with the written comments. We request that speakers ensure the presentation does not include any inappropriate or confidential content before submission. Due to the timeframe needed for the planning and coordination of the HCPCS public meeting, materials that are not submitted appropriately and in accordance with this deadline cannot be accommodated.

#### B. 5-Minute Speakers

Any individual related to the public meeting agenda item, including but not limited to an employee, competitor, insurer, public consumer, or other interested party, may register as a 5-minute speaker by the stated deadline. Depending on the availability of time, CMS may limit the number of 5-minute speakers; however, we will ensure an array of interested parties are represented if registered by the stated deadline. We will not accept any other written materials, outside of the written comments, from a 5-minute speaker (e.g., 5-minutes speakers are not allowed to present a PowerPoint presentation).

#### C. All Other Attendees

All individuals who plan to attend the public meeting to listen and do not plan to speak, may access the public meeting using the Teams link above.

Individuals who require special accommodation must register by the stated deadline.

#### D. Written Comments

The primary and 5-minute speaker(s) must email a brief, written summary (one paragraph) of their comments and conclusions. Written comments from anyone, including the primary and 5-minute speaker(s), will only be accepted when emailed to <a href="https://example.com/HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov">HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov</a> before 5 p.m. ET, on December 19, 2025.

#### **Registration Requirements**

All individuals who plan to speak (15 or 5 minutes) at the public meeting must email the following information to <a href="https://example.com/HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov">HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov</a> by 5 p.m. ET on December 3, 2025 to register:

- Name:
- Company name (if applicable);
- Email address;
- Topic item and application number;
- Any special assistance requests;
- Whether the registrant is a primary speaker or a 5-minute speaker for an agenda item; and
- Whether the primary speaker will use a PowerPoint presentation.

# **Public Meeting Recording:**

Please note that the Teams service allows audio and other information sent during the session to be recorded, which may be discoverable in a legal matter. By joining this session, you automatically consent to such recordings. If you do not consent to being recorded, discuss your concerns with the host or do not join the session. CMS will publish the recorded public meeting online at

https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/medhcpcsgeninfo/hcpcspublicmeetings.

# **For Further Information:**

All participants should regularly check the CMS website for updates at <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings</a>.

For any technical assistance, please contact Marvelyn Davis at: Marvelyn.Davis1@cms.hhs.gov.

For further information, contact the HCPCS team at HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov.

To ensure that the public has access to the most current and accurate information related to HCPCS Level II codes and updates, CMS has created a ListServ that will deliver all HCPCS Level II updates directly to your inbox.

Sign up here: <u>HCPCS Updates ListServ</u>