

Open Payments



What healthcare providers should know.

Open Payments is a national disclosure program from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that promotes a more financially transparent and accountable healthcare system. Each year, drug and medical device companies keep track of payments or other transfers of value they make to healthcare providers and teaching hospitals and then submit the data to CMS. CMS makes the data available so the public can see it.

THE OPEN PAYMENTS CYCLE



ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS NOW INCLUDED

In 2021, the Open Payments program expanded to include nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists and anesthesiologist assistants, and certified nurse midwives. In 2022, these healthcare providers can join physicians and teaching hospitals in registering and reviewing their data in Open Payments before it is published.

TYPES OF REPORTED DATA

Once data is published in the Open Payments database, anyone can search for individual healthcare providers and teaching hospitals to see the type of payments they received. Open Payments contains millions of records, representing billions of dollars in payments.

Payment data includes:

- Consulting and Speaking Fees
- Honoraria, Gifts, and Royalties
- Grants and Charitable Contributions
- Entertainment, Travel, Lodging, Food/Beverage
- Medical Education Programs
- Space Rental or Facility Fees
- Debt Forgiveness
- Long-Term Medical Supply or Device Loans
- Acquisitions
- Research Payments
- Ownership and Investment Interests*

Just because financial ties are reported in Open Payments does not mean anyone has done anything wrong. Open Payments does not identify which payments are beneficial or which may cause conflict of interest.

*Ownership and Investment Interest only applies to Physicians.

QUESTIONS ABOUT OPEN PAYMENTS?

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