About Open Payments

Open Payments is a national disclosure program from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that promotes a more financially transparent and accountable health care system.

Pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers must report to CMS their payments or transfers of value to covered recipients for research, meals, travel, gifts, speaking fees, and more.

Through Open Payments, CMS makes this data available to the public. On OpenPaymentsData.CMS.gov, anyone can search for health care providers and see the payments they received, when they received them, and the companies that made the payments.

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 conflicts of interest.

What Covered Recipients Can Do

- Register for Open Payments at portal.cms.gov.
- Review, affirm and, if necessary, dispute data reported about you each spring.
- If a patient asks, answer questions and provide more information about the payments to you.
- Be familiar with the program.
- Tell your colleagues about Open Payments.

Key Terms

Covered Recipients

Open Payments includes data about:
- Physicians
- Non-physician practitioners (NPPs):
  - Physician assistants, Nurse practitioners,
  - Clinical nurse specialists, Certified registered
  - Nurse anesthetists & anesthesiologist
  - assistants, and Certified nurse-midwives
- Teaching hospitals

Reporting Entities

These organizations report data to Open Payments:
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Device manufacturers
- Group purchasing organizations (GPOs)

Open Payments Data

Since 2016, CMS has published: 80.66 million records representing $68.44 billion in payments from 2,821 companies to 1.10 million physicians, 331,164 non-physician practitioners, and 1,411 teaching hospitals.

CMS published the Program Year 2022 data on June 30, 2023 and will publish the 2023 data in June of 2024.

Watch the Video

Check out our video to see how Open Payments works and what’s in the data.

Questions About Open Payments?

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