



# *Open Payments*

*Program Year 2025: Initial Data Publication*



## OPEN PAYMENTS

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*Data Publication Overview*

# Topics

The data publication tutorial outlines what the Open Payments Program is, how the data is submitted to CMS, what data is published and how this data is accessed.

- Open Payments Program Overview
- Publication Rules and Exceptions
- Accessing Published Data
- Online Search and Data Explorer Tools
- Program Resources

# Open Payments Program Overview

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# Open Payments Program Overview

- Open Payments is a statutorily-required, national disclosure program that promotes transparency and accountability by making information about the financial relationships between reporting entities and covered recipients available to the public
  - **Reporting Entities** -refers to pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers and their distributors who are required to report payments and other transfers of value to Open Payments; also referred to as Applicable Manufacturers and Applicable Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs)
  - **Covered Recipients** -refers to physicians, non-physician practitioners (NPP), and teaching hospitals receiving payments or other transfers of value from Applicable Manufacturers and GPOs
    - NPP - collectively refers to physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, anesthesiologist's assistants, and certified nurse-midwives provider types
- The Open Payments data provides health care consumers with information to make informed health care decisions
- Disclosure of the financial relationships between the reporting entity and covered recipients is not intended to signify inappropriate relationships, and Open Payments does not prohibit such transactions

# Data Sources and Types

Reporting entities must enter detailed information about payments, other transfers of value made to covered recipients, and ownership or investment interests held by physicians or physicians' immediate family members into the Open Payments system

There are three major reporting categories:

- **General Payments:** Payments or other transfers of value made that are not in connection with research agreements or research protocol. General payments may include but are not limited to gifts, meals, honoraria, and travel.
- **Research Payments:** Payments or other transfers of value made in connection with a research agreement or research protocol.
- **Physician Ownership Information:** Information about physicians and physicians' immediate family members, who have an ownership or investment interest in the reporting entity.

# Program Year 2025 Timeline



- **Initial publication** contains data submitted and attested to by the Submission End Date (March 31, 2026) and reviewed, edited and re-attested by the Correction End Date (May 30, 2026)
- **Refresh publication** contains data submitted and attested to by the Submission End Date (March 31, 2026) and reviewed, edited and re-attested by the Calendar Year End Date (December 31, 2026)

# Publication Rules and Exceptions

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# Publication Exclusions and Limitations

- **Delay in Publication**
  - A delay in publication can be requested for a research record related to research or development of a new drug, biological, device, or medical supply; a new application of an existing drug, biological, device, or medical supply; or clinical investigations regarding a new drug, biological, device, or medical supply
  - Records with a requested a delay in publication will not be published
- **Archived Program Years**
  - Program years that have reached their fifth full year of publication (including data publication and data refresh) are closed and archived.
  - Archived program years are not searchable, but are accessible on the Archived Dataset Page (<https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/datasets/archived> )

# Publication Exclusions and Limitations (cont'd)

- **Late Reporting**
  - Data submitted and attested after the submission deadline is considered late and is not included in initial publication or the next refresh publication
- **Change in covered recipient identifying information**
  - Records in which physician, non-physician practitioner or principal investigator identifying information is changed after the submission end date are not included in the initial publication or the next data refresh publication.
  - Such a change requires the deletion of the original record and submission of a new corrected record; after the submission closing date, the corrected record would be a late submission
  - These corrected records may be eligible for publication in the following calendar year's initial data publication
- **Deleted Records**
  - Deleted records may be published depending on when the record is deleted
    - Records deleted by May 30th are not published in the initial data publication or in any subsequent publications
    - Records deleted between May 31st and December 31st are included in the initial June publication and will be removed during the annual data refresh

# Publication Exclusions and Limitations (cont'd)

- **Changes to Non-disputed records**
  - Records without disputes that are updated after the submission period and before the correction period will not be published in the initial data publication. This is done to allow the required 45 days for a covered recipient to review their records.
  - The updated version of the record will be published in the data refresh publication if it was resubmitted and attested by November 15, which is also called the “modified without dispute cutoff date”.
    - Updates to non-disputed records that are resubmitted and attested after the modified-without-dispute cutoff date in November are published the following June.
    - For previously published records that were edited during the current program year, please refer to the Open Payments Data Dictionary and Methodology Document for publishing limitations

# Accessing Published Data

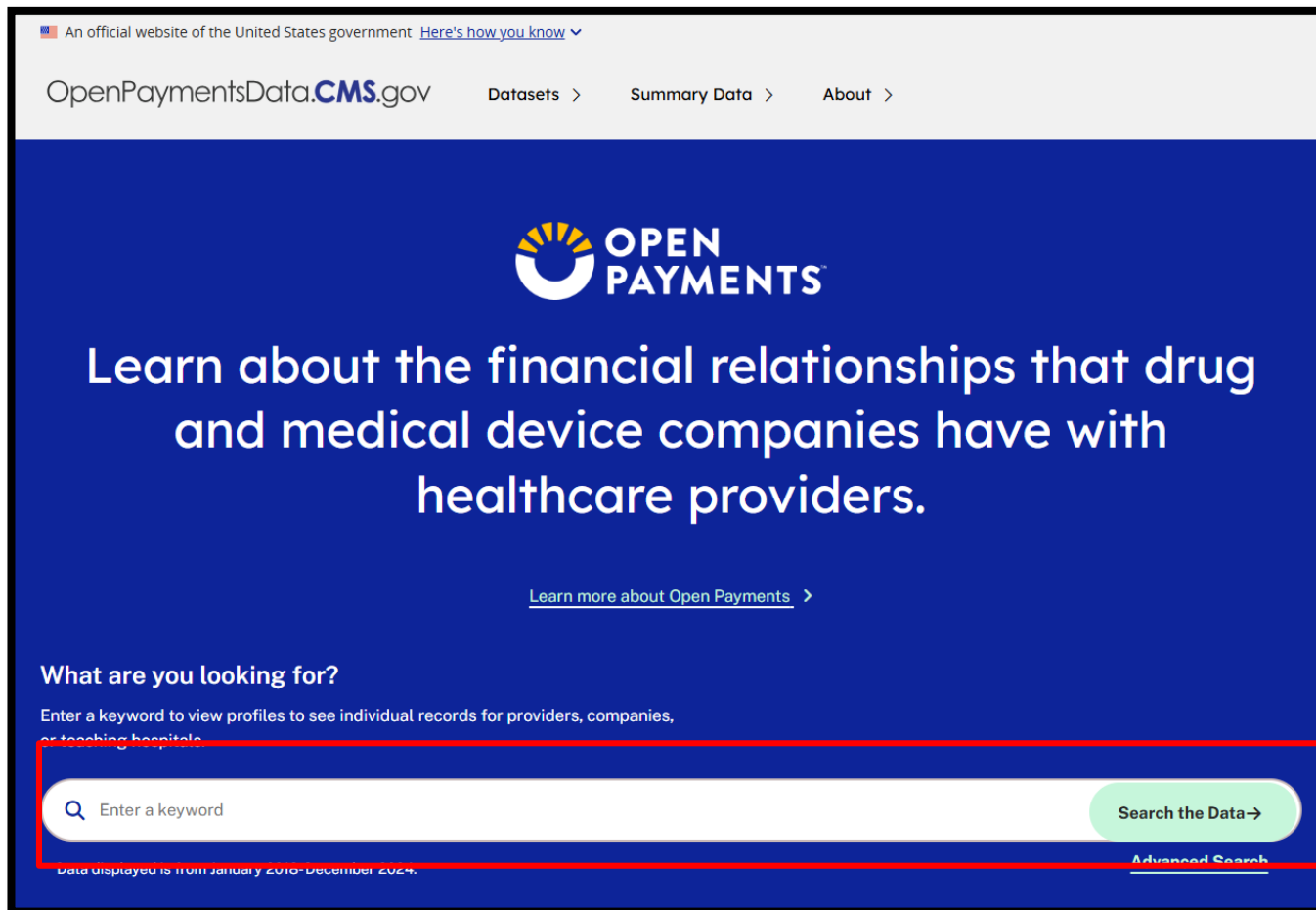
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# Accessing the Published Data

- The published data is available on the Open Payments Search Tool at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/>
- The Open Payments Search Tool is a one stop shop for access to all the published data
- Users can:
  - View summary data
  - Search the data for providers, teaching hospitals and companies to see individual profiles with detailed information about the reported data.
  - Download full datasets
  - Filter and download datasets
- The Advanced Search - Allows the users to refine their search for more accurate and relevant profile page results

# Open Payments Search Tool

- The Open Payments Search Tool provides a search field on the landing page that allows users to perform a quick search for an individual healthcare provider, Teaching Hospital or Company and access profile pages that contain payment data:



The screenshot shows the landing page of the Open Payments Search Tool. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the URL "OpenPaymentsData.CMS.gov" and links for "Datasets", "Summary Data", and "About". Below the navigation bar is the "OPEN PAYMENTS" logo, which consists of a stylized sun icon and the text "OPEN PAYMENTS". The main heading reads "Learn about the financial relationships that drug and medical device companies have with healthcare providers." Below this heading is a link that says "Learn more about Open Payments". A section titled "What are you looking for?" prompts users to "Enter a keyword to view profiles to see individual records for providers, companies, or teaching hospitals." A search bar is provided with a magnifying glass icon and the placeholder text "Enter a keyword". To the right of the search bar is a green button labeled "Search the Data->". Below the search bar, there is a link for "Advanced Search". At the bottom left, a small note states "Data displayed is from January 2010-December 2024".

# Open Payments Search Tool (cont'd.)

- **Advanced Search** - Allows the users to refine their search for a particular physician, non-physician practitioner, teaching hospital or company making payments for more accurate and relevant profile page results:



The screenshot shows the "Advanced Search" page. At the top, it says "Advanced Search". Below that, it explains: "The Open Payments Search Tool is used to search for physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and teaching hospitals receiving payments from drug and medical device companies. It may also be used to search drug and medical device companies to see what payments they made to health care providers." It also states: "Data displayed on this search tool is from January 2018 through December 2024. See our [about page](#) for more information." Below that, it says "Last data update: January 2025 | Next data update: June 2025". The search form includes a "Search by type" section with three radio buttons: "Individual Provider" (selected), "Teaching Hospital", and "Company". Below this are input fields for "Provider First Name" and "Provider Last Name". There are also dropdown menus for "Country" (set to "All Countries"), "City", "State" (set to "All States"), and "Zip/Postal code". Below these are dropdown menus for "Provider Type" (set to "All Provider Types"), "Provider Specialty" (with a search icon), and "National Provider Identifier". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Search the Data" and "Clear form".

# Sample Profile Pages

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# Provider Profile Pages

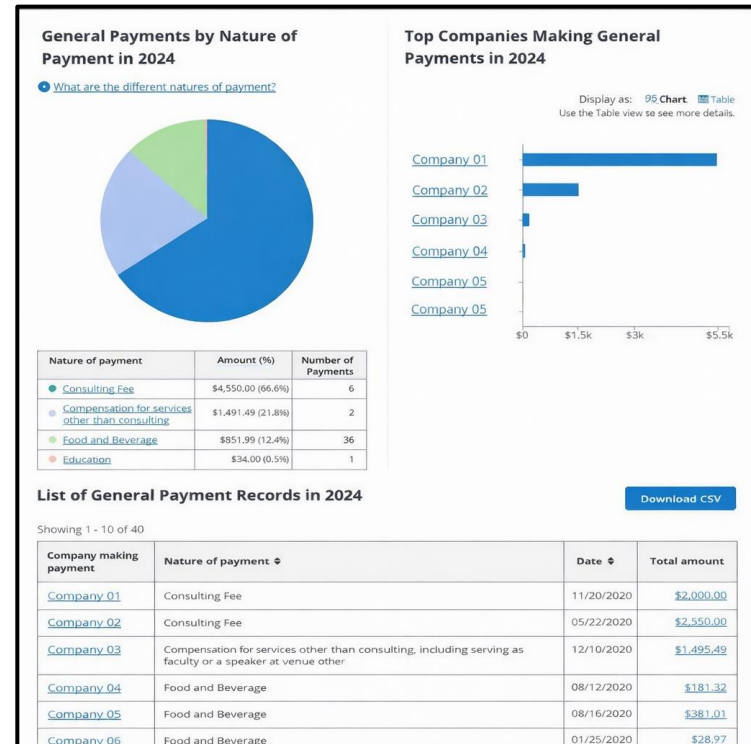
- The provider profile page displays information about the provider by year, payment type, and other available filters
- The provider is compared to other providers in the same specialty and to all providers nationally



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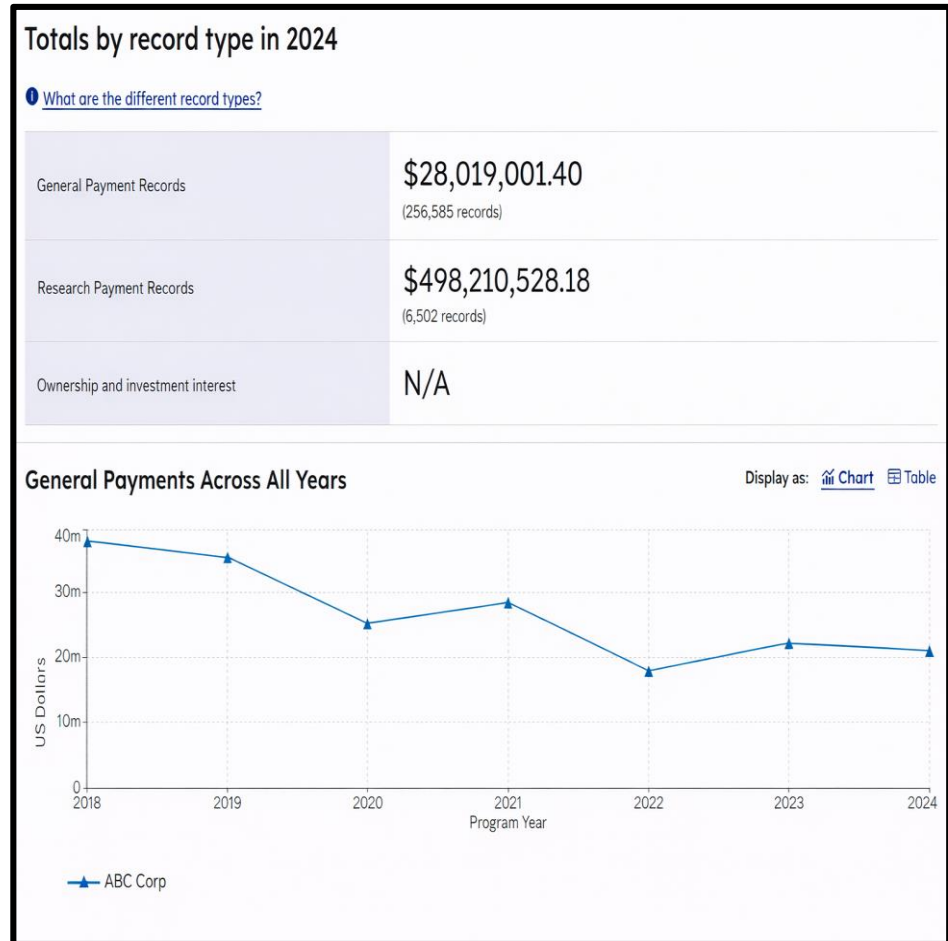
# Provider Profile Page (cont'd)

- The provider profile page provides data reported by Nature of Payment
- The user can view the list of payments and download data
- The top companies making payments to the provider are displayed with the amount reported



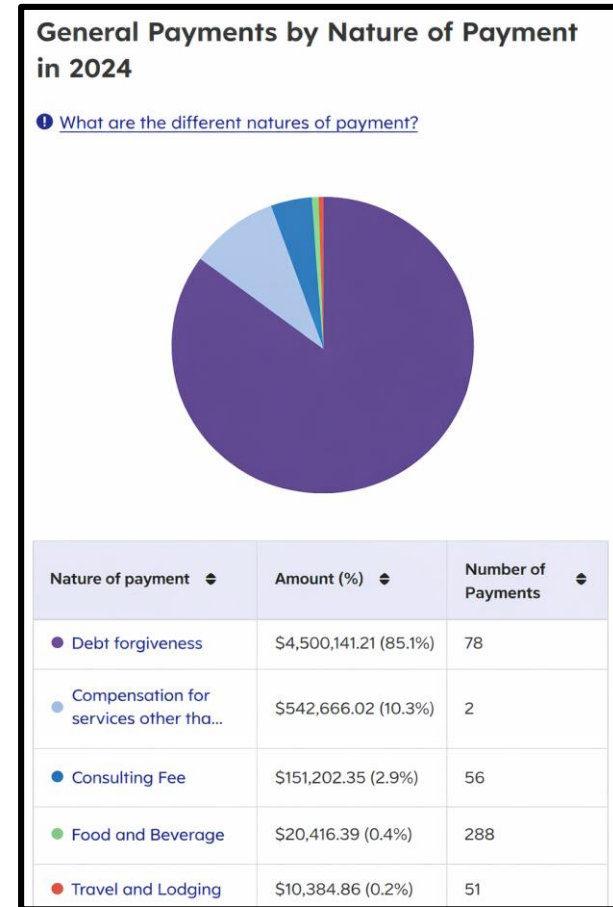
# Company Profile Page

- The company profile page displays information for payments by year, payment type, and a graphical chart or table to display seven years of payment amounts submitted.



# Company Profile Page (cont'd)

- The company profile page displays payment information by Nature of Payment across the most recent seven program years
- Additional payment data provided on the profile page allows users to view:
  - Top recipients receiving payments for a particular payment category and payment year
  - List of payment records for a particular payment category and payment year



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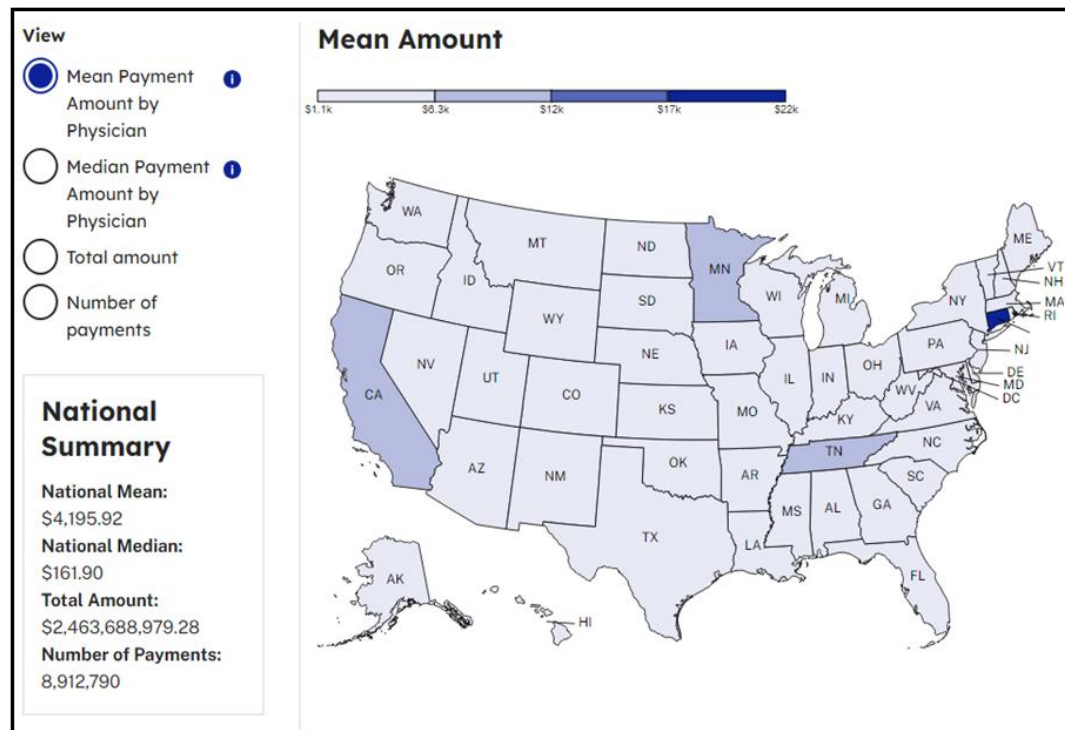
# Summary Data: Facts About Open Payments

- The Facts about Opens Payments Data page displays summarized data. Users can view summarized data for individual years or for all active years
- This information is available at: <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/summary>

Facts about Open Payments data			
Displaying data for			
2024			
Total US Dollar Value \$ 13.14 Billion		Total Records Published 16.15 Million	
Records by Type <a href="#">What are the different record types?</a>			
<b>\$ General Payments</b>			
Amount \$ 3.31 Billion	Records 15.39 Million	Disputed Amount \$ 1.20 Million	Disputed Records 662
<b>🔬 Research Payments</b>			
Amount \$ 8.49 Billion	Records 756,906	Disputed Amount \$ 1.96 Million	Disputed Records 174
<b>📄 Ownership or Investment Interest</b>			
Amount \$ 1.34 Billion	Records 4,591	Disputed Amount \$ 0.00	Disputed Records 0

# Summary Data: Payments by State

- The Summary of Payments by State page displays general and research payments received by physicians and non-physician practitioners in each state at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/summary-by-state>.
- A payment is associated with a state based on the covered recipient's most recent practice address identified in CMS sources.



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# Downloadable Data Files

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- Downloadable Data Files are available at: <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/datasets>, by clicking on the following “Download” button for each individual dataset:

**Dataset Explorer**

Every year CMS publishes complete datasets that consolidate the information submitted by reporting entities for active years of Open Payments data. You can download full datasets or use the Open Payments Search tool to refine and filter views of the data. The search tool only displays the most recent seven Program Years. Archived Program Years are available on the [Archived Datasets](#) page.

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Clear all filters Updated: January 27, 2026

**Categories** -

- General Payments (7)
- Ownership Payments (7)
- Research Payments (7)
- Summary (1)

**2024 General Payment Data**

All general (non-research, non-ownership related) payments from the 2024 program year [January 1 – December 31, 2024] NOTE: This is a very large file and, depending on your network characteristics and software, may... [See more](#)

**Download**

[Data Table](#) [Overview](#) [Data Dictionary](#) [API](#)

# Downloadable Dataset Files

- Each program year has downloadable (CSV) dataset files: General, Research, and Ownership payment data
- Dataset files provide payment information that can be imported into an alternative program database or a spreadsheet for easier reading and interaction
- The “Covered Recipient Profile Supplement File”, is a ZIP file that contains information about physicians and non-physician practitioners who are identified as recipients of payments, other transfers of value, or ownership and investment interest in payment records
- Please note: some datasets, particularly the general payments datasets, are extremely large and may be difficult to download and/or cause computer performance issues. CMS recommends using WinZip, WinRAR, or 7-Zip for file decompression

# Downloadable Data Files: “Change Type” Indicator

- Each record in a CSV file includes a Change Type indicator. This indicator explains the record’s status in relation to previous publications
- The possible values for the Change Type indicator are:

Change_Type Value	Meaning of Value
NEW	The payment record was submitted during the current program year submission period and is being published for the first time
ADD	The payment record was submitted during a previous submission period but was not eligible to be published in that period; it is being published for the first time
CHANGED	Changes were made by the reporting entity to the payment record since the previous publication, which may include a change to a record’s dispute status; the current publication includes these changes
UNCHANGED	No changes were made to the payment record since the last publication

# Downloadable Data Files:

## *“Deleted and Removed Records File”*

- A Deleted and Removed Records file is available for each program year that identifies records previously published by the Open Payments program that are not in the current publication due to their deletion or removal
  - The Downloadable Data File for Program Year 2025 does not include a Deleted and Removed Records file as none of its records have been previously published
- The only identifying information included in the Deleted and Removed Records file is Open Payments Record ID, Payment Type, and Payment Category for those records
- A program year’s Deleted and Removed Records file is included in that program year’s publication data download ZIP file
  - If any program year does not have deleted and removed records for the current publication, then the Deleted and Removed Records file will not be included in the program year’s publication data download ZIP file
- Records in a Deleted and Removed Records file also contain a “Change\_Type” field with one of two possible values:

Change_Type Value	Meaning of Value
<b>DELETED</b>	The reporting entity deleted the previously published record
<b>REMOVED</b>	The previously published record is ineligible for publication

# Open Payments Data Explorer Tool

**Data Explorer Tool** - Allows the user to explore and filter full data sets by program year and payment category in tabular format by following the steps below:

- Step 1: Click on the “Data Table” button below under the desired payment category and payment year dataset:

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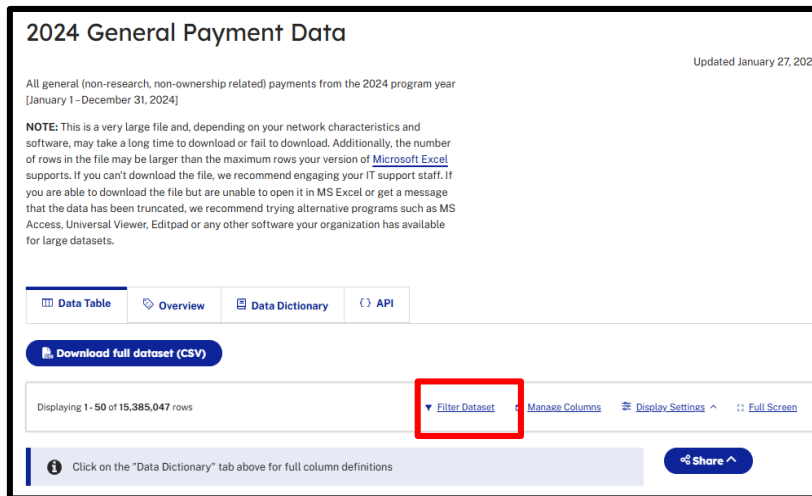
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**Data Table** Overview Data Dictionary API

# Open Payments Data Explorer Tool (cont'd.)

- Step 2: Click on Filter Dataset. Apply filters to refine and filter views of the dataset selected



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All general (non-research, non-ownership related) payments from the 2024 program year [January 1 - December 31, 2024]

**NOTE:** This is a very large file and, depending on your network characteristics and software, may take a long time to download or fail to download. Additionally, the number of rows in the file may be larger than the maximum rows your version of [Microsoft Excel](#) supports. If you can't download the file, we recommend engaging your IT support staff. If you are able to download the file but are unable to open it in MS Excel or get a message that the data has been truncated, we recommend trying alternative programs such as MS Access, Universal Viewer, Editpad or any other software your organization has available for large datasets.

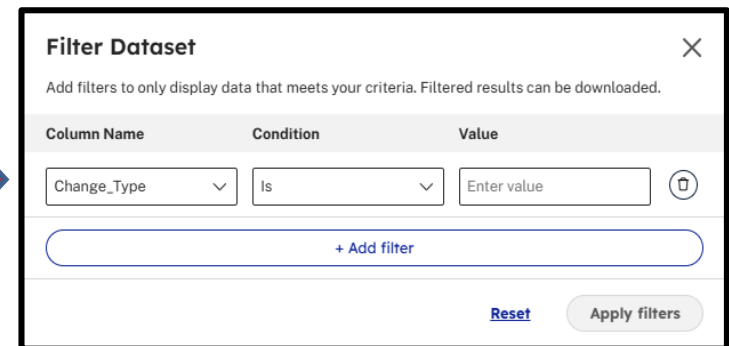
[Data Table](#) [Overview](#) [Data Dictionary](#) [API](#)

[Download full dataset \(CSV\)](#)

Displaying 1-50 of 15,385,047 rows

[Filter Dataset](#) [Manage Columns](#) [Display Settings](#) [Full Screen](#)

Click on the "Data Dictionary" tab above for full column definitions [Share](#)



**Filter Dataset** ✕

Add filters to only display data that meets your criteria. Filtered results can be downloaded.

Column Name	Condition	Value
Change_Type	Is	Enter value
+ Add filter		

[Reset](#) [Apply filters](#)

# Open Payments Data Explorer Tool (cont'd.)

- Step 3: Download filtered data (CSV) by clicking on Share:

The screenshot displays the Open Payments Data Explorer Tool interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Data Table" (selected), "Overview", "Data Dictionary", and "API". Below the tabs is a blue button labeled "Download full dataset (CSV)".

The main content area shows "Displaying 1 - 50 of 4,591 rows" and several utility links: "Filter Dataset", "Manage Columns", "Display Settings", and "Full Screen".

A message box states: "Click on the 'Data Dictionary' tab above for full column definitions".

Below the message, a red box highlights the "Share" button. A dropdown menu is open, showing two options: "Copy link to filtered data" and "Download filtered data (CSV)", with the latter also highlighted by a red box.

At the bottom, a table displays data rows. The first row is highlighted in light blue. The table columns are: "Chang...", "Physici...", "Physici...", "Physici...", "Physici...", "Physici...", "Physici...", and "Recipie...".

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# Available Resources

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Review available resources on the CMS Open Payments website Resources page at <https://www.cms.gov/openpayments/resources>

- Open Payments Data Dictionary and Methodology Document:  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/open-payments-methodology-data-dictionary-document-january-2026.pdf>
- Open Payments FAQs: <https://www.cms.gov/OpenPayments/Downloads/open-payments-general-faq.pdf>
- Open Payments User Guide For Reporting Entities, PDF page link:  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/open-payments-user-guide-reporting-entities.pdf>
- Open Payments User Guide For Covered Recipients, PDF page link:  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/open-payments-user-guide-covered-recipients.pdf>
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