What health care providers should know.

Registration in the Open Payments system is voluntary but is strongly encouraged by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Your participation in the Open Payments program helps to ensure the integrity and accuracy of any payment data attributed to you before it is published online by CMS.

Who should register.

You can register for Open Payments if you are a physician or non-physician practitioner who is licensed in a U.S. state. These positions, along with teaching hospitals, are considered “covered recipients” under the Open Payments program.

If you are a U.S.-licensed practitioner who works abroad, you will need to contact the Open Payments Help Desk at 1-855-326-8366 or openpayments@cms.hhs.gov.

A two-part process.

Registration requires a two-part personal and professional identity check and verification to ensure the security, privacy, and integrity of your data.

1. Create a user account in the CMS Identity Management System (IDM) at portal.cms.gov
2. Create a profile and register in the Open Payments System

Key Terms

Covered Recipients
Open Payments includes data about:
- Physicians
- Non-physician practitioners:
  - Physician assistants
  - Nurse practitioners
  - Clinical nurse specialists
  - Certified registered nurse anesthetists & anesthesiologist assistants
  - Certified nurse-midwives
- Teaching hospitals

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

Registration Tip
Gather this information before you start:
- Basic personal information
- Business contact information
- Primary practice business address
- Physician type and taxonomy code
- License number(s) and state(s)
- National Provider Identifier (if you have one)
- Drug Enforcement Administration number (if you have one)
Want to know more?

Watch the Video
Check out the Open Payments registration demo for physicians and non-physician practitioners.

Download the User Guide
Get the Open Payments user guide for covered recipients at cms.gov/openpayments/resources.

Questions about Open Payments?
Help desk: 1-855-326-8366
openpayments@cms.hhs.gov
Join our listserv to receive program updates. Subscribe on the “Contact Us” page.

Get the details.
cms.gov/openpayments

Search the data.
openpaymentsdata.cms.gov

Annual Cycle
Make the most of your access by becoming familiar with the annual Open Payments cycle:

All Year
Reporting entities collect payment data for current program year.

Feb 1 – March 31
Reporting entities submit payment data (collected the previous year) to CMS.

April 1 – May 15
Covered recipients (you) can review and dispute data prior to publication.

April 1 – May 30
Reporting entities can review and correct data.

June 30
CMS publishes Open Payments data.