

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
Medicare's Prior Authorization for Power Mobility Devices
Demonstration
Thursday February 23, 2012
3:00pm - 4:30pm Eastern Time
Conference Call Only

The purpose of this Special Open Door Forum (ODF) is to provide an opportunity for **suppliers and providers** to ask questions about the Demonstration.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct a demonstration that will implement a prior authorization process for certain medical equipment for all people with Medicare who reside in seven states with high populations of fraud- and error-prone providers (California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, and Texas). This is an important step toward paying appropriately for certain medical equipment that has a high error rate. This demonstration will help ensure that a beneficiary's medical condition warrants their medical equipment under existing coverage guidelines. Moreover, the program will assist in preserving a Medicare beneficiary's right to receive quality products from accredited suppliers.

CMS received many comments/suggestions on the Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs) demonstration. The CMS has considered these comments carefully. In response to comments received from stakeholders, the CMS has made a number of modifications to the Prior Authorization of PMD demonstrations.

- The CMS has completed a separate Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) notification for this demonstration.
- The CMS has removed the 100% Pre-Payment review phase (formerly Phase 1).
- The CMS will allow suppliers to perform the administrative function of submitting the prior authorization request on behalf of the physician/ treating practitioner.
- This demonstration will begin only after an OMB PRA control number is obtained. The CMS anticipates the start of this demonstration will be **on or after June 1, 2012**.

To read more about the Demonstration visit: go.cms.gov/PAdemo

Participants may submit questions prior to the Special ODF to pademo@cms.hhs.gov.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Participation Instructions Dial: (877) 251-0301 & Conference ID: 54397724

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http://www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading on or around March 22, 2012 and will be available for 30 days.

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