

REVIEW YOUR OPEN PAYMENTS DATA BY MAY 15TH

The Open Payments Database of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services describes financial connections, both ownership and compensation, between doctors, dentists, chiropractors, podiatrists and optometrists, on the one hand, and drug and device makers on the other, based upon information provided to CMS by such drug and device makers. Each year, providers have until May 15th to review, and if appropriate, dispute, the data submitted by such industry representatives for the prior year in order to have it corrected before its initial publication. Accordingly, May 15, 2018 is the deadline with respect to the relevant 2017 data. Such data will be made available to the public on June 30, 2018.

In order for a provider to verify his own particular information in the database, he must first register at the website, www.cms.gov/openpayments. Disputed relationships, which have not been resolved within 60 days after the commencement of the review period, will be disclosed on the website with a notation that they are being disputed. If the ultimate resolution reflects a modification to such information, the revised information will be reflected in the database.

Providers are encouraged to register and review their data, so as to avoid any negative implications patients may draw from perceived conflicts of interest, as well as lessening the possibility of scrutiny by regulators with respect to potential violations of anti-kickback and other self-referral statutes.

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