OPEN PAYMENTS
What’s Important for Physicians to Know

Open Payments is a national disclosure program designed to provide greater transparency to the public about the financial relationships between applicable manufacturers and group purchasing organizations (GPOs) and health care providers (physicians and teaching hospitals).

When a drug or medical device company makes payments or gives grants, gifts or other transfers of value to teaching hospitals, this information must be reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The reported data is published annually on the public Open Payments website openpaymentsdata.cms.gov.

DID YOU KNOW?
Data is released to the public annually on or by June 30 and is refreshed at least once annually.

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TYPES OF DATA REPORTED

OWNERSHIP\(^1\) AND INVESTMENT INTEREST

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES\(^3\)

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS\(^2\)

FEES\(^2\)
CONSULTING
SPEAKING
HONORARIA
TEACHING
LICENSES

ROYALTIES\(^2\)

ENTERTAINMENT\(^2\)
FOOD
BEVERAGES
GIFTS

TRAVEL/LODGING\(^2\)

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1 Not in a publicly traded company. Ownership or Investment Interest is not applicable to Teaching Hospitals.
2 This list is not all inclusive.
3 The physician research payments total includes: 1.) Payments where the company making the payment has named a physician as the primary recipient, and 2.) Payments to a research institution or entity where a physician is named as a principal investigator on the research project (i.e. received associated research funding).
THE DATA
PROGRAM YEARS 2013* - 2017

Total U.S. Dollar Value
$33.09 Billion

Total records published
51.53 Million

General Payments
Amount $12.01 Billion
Payments 48.17 Million

Research Payments
Amount $20.15 Billion
Payments 3.36 Million

Value of Ownership
Amount $932 Million
Payments 2,630

Total companies
making payments
2,269

Total physicians
receiving payments
975,000

Total teaching
hospitals receiving
payments 1,225

Data above is representative of the January 2018 data refresh and are subject to change with subsequent data publications.

*Program Year 2013 was a partial year of data collection representing payments from August 2013 – December 2013

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Program timeline

1. DATA COLLECTION
   Applicable Manufacturers & GPOs
   January 1 – December 31, 2018

2. SUBMIT PAYMENT DATA
   Applicable Manufacturers & GPOs
   February 1 – March 31, 2019

3. REVIEW & DISPUTE DATA
   Physicians & Teaching Hospitals
   April 1 – May 15, 2019
   May 16 – May 30, 2019

4. DATA DISPLAYED ON CMS PUBLIC WEBSITE
   On or by June 30, 2019

The timeline above is based on Program Year 2018.
**BEST PRACTICE:** REVIEW YOUR DATA EVERY YEAR BEFORE IT GOES PUBLIC

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Pre-publication review is your opportunity to make sure all data are correct before the public sees it. You may review data reported about you and if necessary, dispute any inaccuracies **before it is published**.

*Review of the data is voluntary, but strongly encouraged as this ensures accuracy of the reported data.*

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OPEN PAYMENTS REGISTRATION

- Registration is a two step process
- Successful registration in **BOTH** the Enterprise Identity Management System (EIDM) and the Open Payments system is required to be able to perform any Open Payments system-related functions

ENTERPRISE IDENTITY MANAGEMENT (EIDM)

- Register **self** in EIDM via CMS Enterprise Portal at https://portal.cms.gov (only individuals—physicians, etc.) register in EIDM)
- Request access to the Open Payments system for yourself

OPEN PAYMENTS SYSTEM

- Register **self** the Open Payments system

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REGISTRATION FOR PHYSICIANS

PHYSICIANS WHO REGISTERED DURING PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEARS DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN

- The EIDM locks accounts if there is no activity for 60 days or more. To unlock an account, go to the CMS Enterprise Portal, enter your user ID and correctly answer all challenge questions; you’ll then be prompted to enter a new password.
- The EIDM deactivates accounts if there is no activity for 180 days or more. To reinstate an account that has been deactivated, contact the Open Payments Help Desk.

PHYSICIAN PROFILES ARE VETTED AGAINST CMS.
Approved sources to confirm that the registrant is a covered recipient physician. Vetting is completed through the use of information provided during registration including:

- First and last name
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- State license(s) information
- Primary type (if no NPI is provided)

* A physician may nominate one authorized representative to perform system functions on their behalf
TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL VETTING

1. Make sure the name used for registration matches exactly with the name in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)
   - Hospital based physicians MUST register as physicians, not as hospitals in order to view their records

2. Enter NPI, if you have one
   - Enter exactly as listed in NPPES for the current calendar year

3. Enter at least one active state license number

4. Provide as much information as possible
   - More information can speed vetting and ensure all records associated with the physician will be accurately matched

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