



What Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners Should Know

Open Payments is a national disclosure program that promotes a transparent and accountable health care system by making the financial relationships between drug and medical device companies (reporting entities) and health care providers (covered recipients) available to the public. Through the Open Payments data, health care consumers have insight into the provider-industry relationship.

Open Payments does not identify which financial relationships are beneficial or which may cause conflicts of interest. The data is open to individual interpretation.

Key Terms

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 or applicable group purchasing organizations (GPOs).

COVERED RECIPIENTS

- Health care providers receiving payments or other transfers of value from the reporting entities.
- The term “covered recipients” specifically includes:
 - Physicians
 - Physician Assistants
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Clinical Nurse Specialists
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Anesthesiologist Assistants
 - Certified Nurse Midwives
 - Teaching Hospitals

2021 Program Expansion

In 2021, Open Payments expanded to include five new provider types in response to the SUPPORT Act.[†] They are:

- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Anesthesiologist Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives

Health care providers who practice either in collaboration with or under the supervision of a physician, including physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists, are referred to as non-physician practitioners (NPPs).

The SUPPORT Act also allows CMS to publish National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) within the Open Payments data.

[†]Learn more about the SUPPORT Act at cms.gov/OpenPayments/Law-and-Policy

Types of Information Reported



ENTERTAINMENT

Food, Beverages, Gifts



CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS



FEES

Consulting, Speaking, Honoraria, Teaching, Licenses



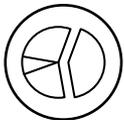
ROYALTIES



TRAVEL/ LODGING



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



OWNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT INTEREST¹



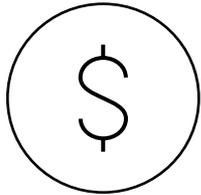
WATCH THE VIDEO

Review the video for more information about data in the Open Payments system.

List is not all inclusive.

1 Only applies to physicians.

The Data: All Active Program Years 2015 – 2021



Total U.S. Dollar Value

\$63.20

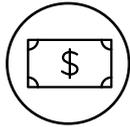
Billion



Total Records Published

78.80

Million



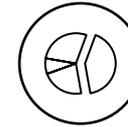
General Payments

Amount: **\$20.07** Billion
Payments: **73.40** Million



Research Payments

Amount: **\$41.86** Billion
Payments: **5.40** Million



Value of Ownership

Amount: **\$1.26** Billion
Payments: **3,129**



Total companies
making payments:
2,783



Total physicians

receiving payments:
1.09 Million



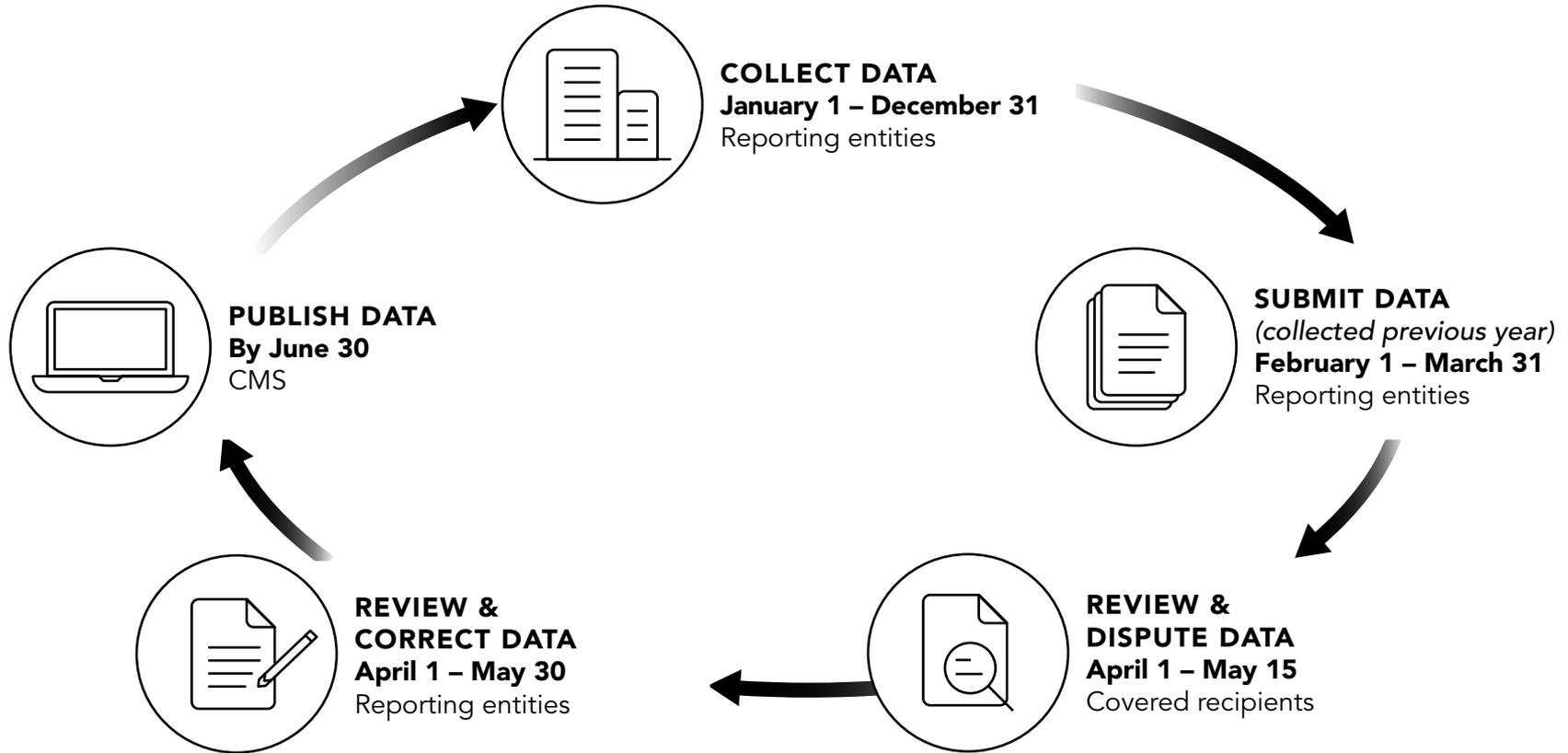
Total teaching hospitals receiving payments: **1,387**



Total non-physician practitioners (NPPs):
233,368

Reflects data from January 2023 Data Refresh, see more at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/summary>

Annual Cycle



Program Year 2023 Timeline

Program Year 2023 data will be collected between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. The 2023 data will be published in June 2024.

- **COLLECT DATA**

January 1 – December 31, 2023

Reporting entities track payments to providers and teaching hospitals.

- **SUBMIT DATA**

February 1 – March 31, 2024

Reporting entities report Program Year 2023 data to CMS.

- **REVIEW & DISPUTE DATA**

April 1 – May 15, 2024

Covered recipients may review attributed data to ensure accuracy before publication.

- **REVIEW & CORRECT DATA**

April 1 – May 30, 2024

Reporting entities correct data and resolve disputes.

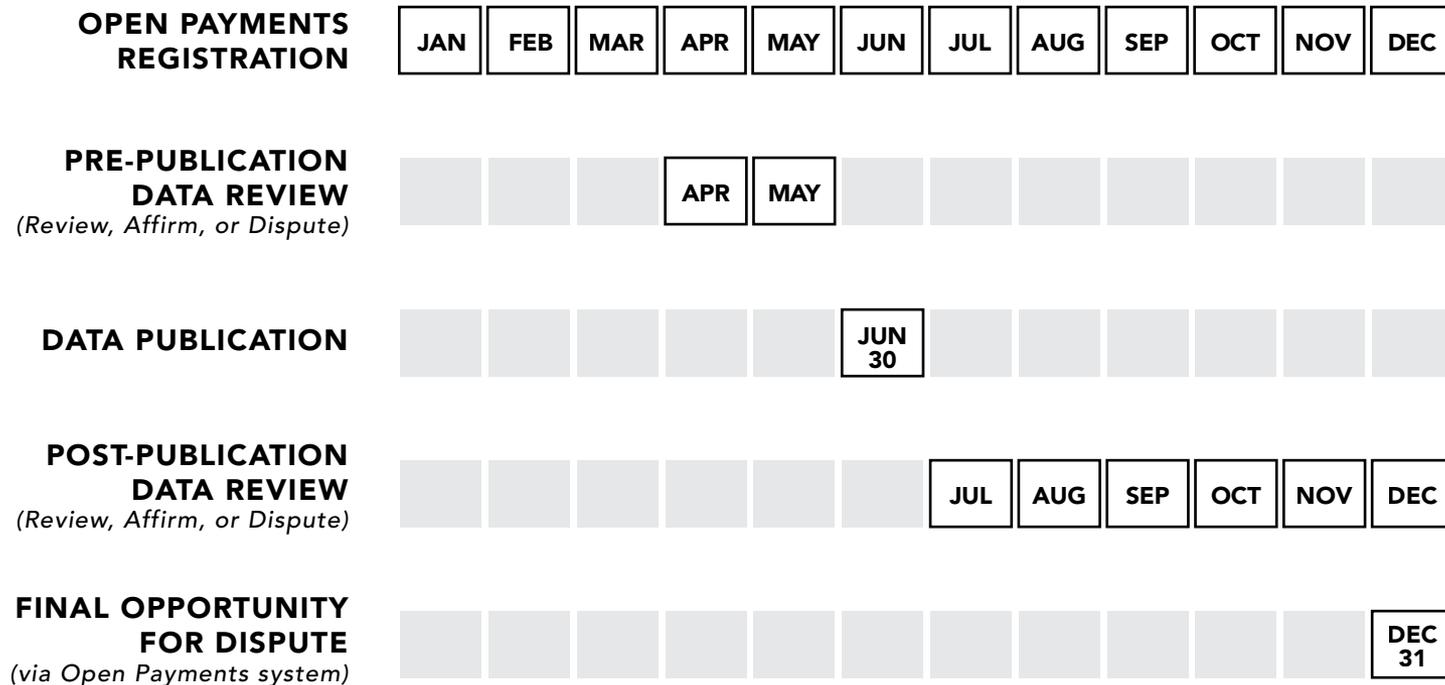
- **PUBLISH DATA**

By June 30, 2024

CMS releases Program Year 2023 data on openpaymentsdata.cms.gov.

Best Practice: Review Your Data

Make sure the information about you in Open Payments is accurate before it becomes public.

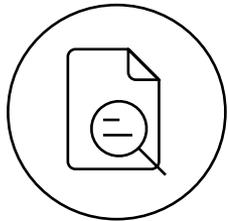


Affirming Data

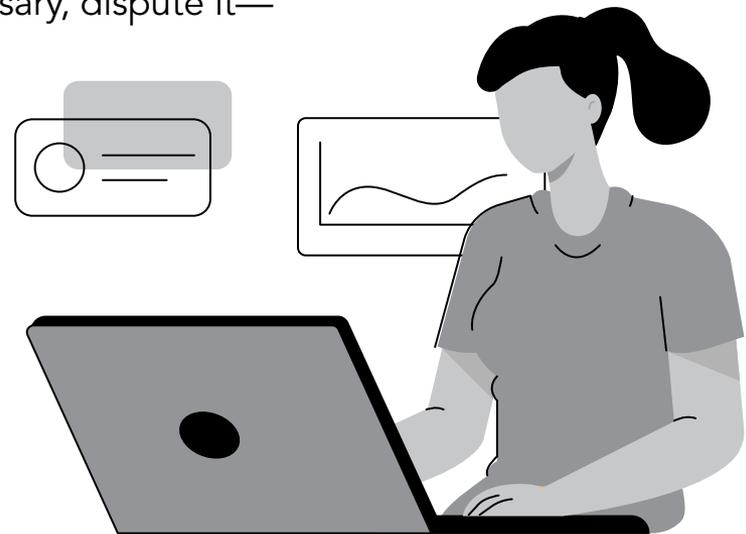
Each year, covered recipients have a 45-day pre-publication review and dispute period to help ensure their data is accurate before CMS publishes it.

You have the ability to review data attributed to you, affirm that the data is accurate, and if needed, dispute attributed data that you believe to be incomplete or inaccurate in any way.

Although the review and dispute process is voluntary, CMS strongly encourages covered recipients to review and affirm their data—and if necessary, dispute it—before it becomes public.



PRE-PUBLICATION DATA REVIEW
April 1 – May 15



Registration

Registration requires a two-part personal and professional identity check and verification to ensure the security, privacy, and integrity of your data. Registration and participation in Open Payments is voluntary, but encouraged to ensure data accuracy.

STEP
1

Create a user account in the CMS Identity Management System (IDM) at **portal.cms.gov**.
IDM accounts are locked after 60 days of inactivity.
Unlock at **portal.cms.gov**.

STEP
2

Create a profile and register in the Open Payments system. You may also nominate an authorized representative to perform system functions on your behalf.



WATCH THE VIDEO

Review the Open Payments registration demo for Physicians.

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The Open Payments Help Desk is open from 9am to 5pm (ET).

