Special Open Door Forum on the
Post Acute Care Payment Reform Demonstration (PAC-PRD)
Thursday, July 26, 2007, 2:30pm to 4:30pm
CMS Auditorium

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum on plans for implementing data collection for the Post Acute Care Payment Reform Demonstration (PAC-PRD)

As a component of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (S1932.Title V. Sec 5008), Congress authorized the Post-Acute Care Payment Reform Demonstration (PAC-PRD). PAC-PRD will collect data in acute care hospitals and four types of PAC providers: Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), and Home Health Agencies (HHAs).

Under PAC-PRD, a uniform patient assessment instrument is being developed. In the course of the demonstration, this patient assessment tool will be collected along with information on costs and resource use in the PAC settings. This data will subsequently be examined and analyzed. The primary analysis of the demonstration shall be to predict cost and resource use based on patient assessment information to develop PAC payment reform options. The results of the Post-Acute Care Payment Reform Demonstration (PAC-PRD) may influence how Medicare pays for care across PAC settings and how patient assessments occur at hospital discharge and through subsequent PAC settings.

This ODF will focus on issues of how data will be collected and how facilities may become involved in this project and contribute to this ground breaking research.

Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

There are 2 ways to participate, by phone or in person.

1. To participate by phone:

Dial: **1-800-837-1935** & Reference Conference ID: **9438143**

Persons participating by phone **do not** need to RSVP. However, phone line capacity is limited so dial in early.

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2. To participate in person:

Your RSVP is required. Please send a reply to SpecialODF@cms.hhs.gov by **2:00 PM EDT, July 24, 2007**. Be sure to include the title of the forum "Special PAC-PRD" in the subject line of your message, and send us your name, organization/representation and telephone number.

Upon entry into the campus and building, you will be required to show Government issued photo identification, preferably a valid driver's license, and are subject to baggage or vehicular search before entering the complex.

Please arrive no later than 2:00 PM.

ADDRESS:
Single Site Building
CMS Auditorium
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244
Map & Directions: http://cmsnet.cms.hhs.gov/hpages/ocsq/cmsdirections-north.htm

Audio Replay:
An audio recording of this special forum will be posted to the Special Open Door Forum website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/OpenDoorForums/05_ODF_SpecialODF.asp and will be accessible for downloading beginning July 31, 2007.

If you have questions or require special accommodations, please contact Shannon Flood at Shannon.Flood@cms.hhs.gov or (410) 786-2583.

Thank you. We look forward to your participation.