

## OPEN PAYMENTS

# What's important to know.



Whenever drug or medical device companies make payments to physicians, or when physicians have invested in these companies, **this information must be reported** to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This data is then made available to the public, including patients, each year at **[cms.gov/OpenPayments](https://cms.gov/OpenPayments)**.

The purpose of Open Payments is to provide greater transparency to the public about the financial relationships between physicians and the health care industry.

## TYPES OF DATA REPORTED



### OWNERSHIP<sup>1</sup> AND INVESTMENT INTEREST



### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES<sup>3</sup>



### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS<sup>2</sup>



### FEES<sup>2</sup> CONSULTING SPEAKING HONORARIA TEACHING LICENSES



### ENTERTAINMENT<sup>2</sup> FOOD BEVERAGES GIFTS



### ROYALTIES<sup>2</sup>



### TRAVEL/ LODGING<sup>2</sup>



## DID YOU KNOW?

Open Payments is a result of the Physician Payment Sunshine Act, commonly referred to as the 'Sunshine Act', and was enacted through the Affordable Care Act.



Data is released to the public twice a year—**ON JUNE 30 AND IN JANUARY.**



<sup>1</sup> Not in a publicly traded company. Ownership or Investment Interest is not applicable to Teaching Hospitals.

<sup>2</sup> This list is not all inclusive.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

OPEN PAYMENTS

More records. Greater transparency.



Total U.S. Dollar Value

**\$8.18**  
Billion



Total records published

**11.96**  
Million



Total  
companies  
making payments

**1,481**



Total  
physicians  
with payment records

**631,000**



Total teaching  
hospitals  
with payment records

**1,146**

Data is from 2016 and was published on June 30, 2017.  
All numbers above 10,000 have been rounded.

## THREE WAYS TO VIEW OPEN PAYMENTS DATA



### SEARCH

for specific doctors, hospitals  
or companies



### EXPLORE & VISUALIZE

With Data Explorer, view full sets  
& create visualizations



### DOWNLOAD

A full data set in .csv format

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If you have information about incomplete or inaccurate data being reported to Open Payments, contact CMS's Open Payments compliance unit at [opcompliance@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:opcompliance@cms.hhs.gov).