

## OPEN PAYMENTS

# What every physician should 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**.

\*Includes ownership or investment in these companies by physicians or their immediate family members.

### IT'S ABOUT TRANSPARENCY

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



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR DOCS

### REGISTER

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

### PRE PUBLICATION REVIEW AND DISPUTE

			APR	MAY							
--	--	--	-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

### DATA GOES PUBLIC

					JUN						
--	--	--	--	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--

### LAST CHANCE TO DISPUTE NEWLY SUBMITTED DATA

						JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
--	--	--	--	--	--	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

### PHYSICIANS CAN NO LONGER DISPUTE NEWLY SUBMITTED DATA IN THE OPEN PAYMENTS SYSTEM

											DEC 31
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--------

## CHECK YOUR DATA: REGISTER AND REVIEW



### REGISTER

CMS urges all physicians to register with Open Payments.



### DATA FINALIZED

At year's end, **data can no longer be disputed** in the Open Payments system.

To access the CMS Portal:  
[portal.cms.gov](https://portal.cms.gov)



### REVIEW & DISPUTE

Each year before data goes public, you will be able to review and dispute inaccuracies in the Open Payments data. That way, you can ensure that what the public sees is correct. If you missed your chance to review the data before publication on June 30, **you can still dispute records in the Open Payments system up until December of that year.**