

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Special Open Door Forum:
End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Payment Year 2015
July 19, 2012
2:00 – 3:30 PM EDT
Conference Call Only

On July 19, 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of Clinical Standards and Quality (OCSQ), will host a special Open Door Forum (ODF) on the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP). The ESRD QIP is a pay-for-performance quality initiative that ties a facility's performance to a payment reduction over the course of a payment year (PY).

This ODF will focus on the proposed rule for operationalizing the ESRD QIP in PY 2015. This proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on July 11, 2012; see <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-11/pdf/2012-16566.pdf>.

The public will have 60 days from the publication date to submit their comments about the content of the rule. CMS encourages every dialysis facility and ESRD stakeholder to carefully review the proposed rule and participate in the comment period.

After this ODF, participants should know and understand:

- The ESRD QIP legislative framework;
- The proposed measures, standards, scoring methodology, and payment reduction scale for PY 2015; and
- The methods for reviewing and commenting on the proposed rule.

After CMS' presentation, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Discussion materials for this Special ODF will be available to download at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/End-Stage-Renal-Disease/ESRDQualityImproveInit/> by July 17, 2012.

We look forward to your participation and comments.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935 (toll free)

Reference Conference ID#: 11365339

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