OPEN PAYMENTS

What Physicians Should Know

Open Payments is a national disclosure program that promotes a more **financially transparent and accountable healthcare system.**

- Drug and medical device companies must report to CMS payments or transfers of value made to healthcare providers for research, meals, gifts, and more.

- CMS publishes this data by June 30 each year on a public website: **openpaymentsdata.cms.gov**.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Anyone can search for providers to see what payments they received, when they received them, and what companies made them.

OPEN PAYMENTS
What Physicians Should Know

- Open Payments does not identify which financial relationships are beneficial or which may cause conflicts of interest.

- Just because there are financial ties doesn't mean anyone is doing anything wrong.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since it began in 2013, Open Payments has published more than 64 million records totaling over $43 billion that companies have paid to physicians and teaching hospitals.

TYPES OF DATA REPORTED

List is not all inclusive.

ENTERTAINMENT
Food
Beverages
Gifts

FEES
Consulting
Speaking
Honoraria
Teaching
Licenses

TRAVEL/ LODGING

OWNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT INTEREST[1]

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

ROYALTIES

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES[2]

1 Not in a publicly traded company. Also, does not apply to teaching hospitals.
2 Includes payments to providers and to research entities when a provider is named as a principal investigator on a project.

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THE DATA

Open Payments: All Years*

Total U.S. Dollar Value
$43.08 Billion

Total records published
64.76 Million

General Payments
Amount **$15.23** Billion
Payments **60.66** Million

Research Payments
Amount **$26.53** Billion
Payments **4.1** Million

Value of Ownership
Amount **$1.33** Billion
Payments **3,288**

Total companies making payments
2,482

Total physicians receiving payments
1.03 Million

Total teaching hospitals receiving payments **1,295**

*Current as of January 17, 2020 data refresh

OPEN PAYMENTS
Annual Cycle

COLLECT DATA
All year
Companies

SUBMIT DATA
(collected previous year)
February 1 – March 31
Companies

REVIEW & DISPUTE DATA
April 1 – May 15
Healthcare providers and teaching hospitals

REVIEW & CORRECT DATA
April 1 – May 30
Companies

PUBLISH DATA
By June 30
CMS

OPEN PAYMENTS
Program Year 2019 Timeline

COLLECT DATA

January 1 – December 31, 2019

Companies track payments to providers and teaching hospitals.

SUBMIT DATA

February 1 – March 31, 2020

Companies report 2019 data to CMS.

REVIEW & DISPUTE DATA

April 1 – May 15, 2020

Providers and hospitals should review to ensure accuracy before publication.

REVIEW & CORRECT DATA

April 1 – May 15, 2020

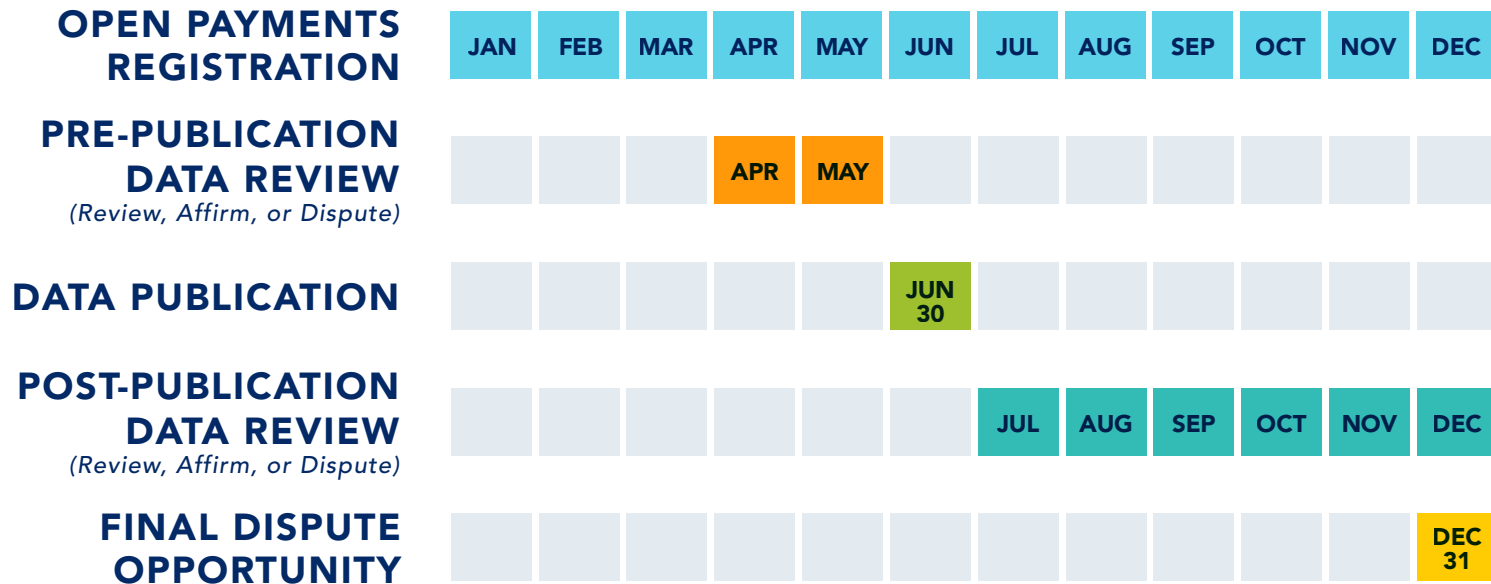Companies correct data and resolve disputes.

PUBLISH DATA

By June 30, 2020

CMS releases data on public website.

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BEST PRACTICE:
Review your data

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

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
OPEN PAYMENTS REGISTRATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
PRE-PUBLICATION DATA REVIEW *(Review, Affirm, or Dispute)*				APR	MAY							
DATA PUBLICATION						JUN 30						
POST-PUBLICATION DATA REVIEW *(Review, Affirm, or Dispute)*							JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
FINAL DISPUTE OPPORTUNITY												DEC 31

OPEN PAYMENTS REGISTRATION

Register in BOTH the Enterprise Identity Management System (EIDM) and the Open Payments system to review, affirm, or dispute your data.

STEP 1

ENTERPRISE IDENTITY MANAGEMENT (EIDM)

- Register in EIDM via the CMS Enterprise Portal at **portal.cms.gov**
- Request access to the Open Payments system for yourself
- Keep your account active
    - EIDM accounts are locked after 60 days of inactivity. To unlock, go to **portal.cms.gov**. Enter your user ID, correctly answer all challenge questions, and enter a new password.
    - EIDM accounts are deactivated after 180 days of inactivity. To reactivate, call the Open Payments Help Desk at **1-855-326-8366**.

OPEN PAYMENTS REGISTRATION

STEP 2

OPEN PAYMENTS SYSTEM

- Register in the Open Payments system for yourself.

- A physician may nominate an authorized representative to perform system functions on their behalf.

If you registered in Open Payments once, you never need to register again. But you must keep EIDM active.

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OPEN PAYMENTS REGISTRATION PHYSICIAN VETTING

- Physician profiles are vetted against CMS-approved sources to confirm that the registrant is a covered recipient physician.

- Vetting uses first and last name, National Provider Identifier (NPI), state license(s), and primary type (if no NPI is provided).

1 →

Use name exactly as it appears in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)

- Hospital-based physicians MUST register as physicians not as hospitals.

2 →

Enter NPI, if you have one

- Enter exactly as listed in NPPES for the current calendar year.

3 →

Enter active state license number
(at least 1)

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Provide as much information as possible

- Speed vetting and ensure records are accurately matched.

STAY CONNECTED

Visit the Website

- Get FAQs, program details, resources
- Go to **cms.gov/ openpayments**

Join Our Listserv

- Receive program updates
- Subscribe on the "Contact Us" page

Search The Data

- Access the data
- Visit **openpaymentsdata.cms.gov**

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

Email: openpayments@cms.hhs.gov

Call: 1-855-326-8366 (TTY Line: 1-844-649-2766)

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