

OPEN PAYMENTS

What's Important for Physicians to Know

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

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 **openpaymentsdata.cms.gov**.



DID YOU KNOW?

Data is released to the public annually on or by **June 30** and is refreshed at least once annually.

TYPES OF DATA REPORTED



OWNERSHIP¹ AND INVESTMENT INTEREST



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES³



CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS²



FEES² CONSULTING SPEAKING HONORARIA TEACHING LICENSES



TRAVEL/ LODGING²



ROYALTIES²



ENTERTAINMENT² FOOD BEVERAGES GIFTS



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

2 This list is not all inclusive.

3 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).

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THE DATA

PROGRAM YEARS 2013* - 2016



Total U.S. Dollar Value

\$24.92

Billion



Total records published

40.74

Million



General Payments

Amount **\$9.15** Billion
Payments **38.23** Million



Research Payments

Amount **\$14.74** Billion
Payments **2.50** Million



Value of Ownership

Amount **\$1.03** Billion
Payments **3,646**



Total companies
making payments
2,078



Total physicians
receiving payments
906,000



Total teaching
hospitals receiving
payments **1,220**

Data above is representative of the January 2018 data refresh and are subject to change with subsequent data publications.

*Program Year 2013 was a partial year of data collection representing payments from August 2013 – December 2013

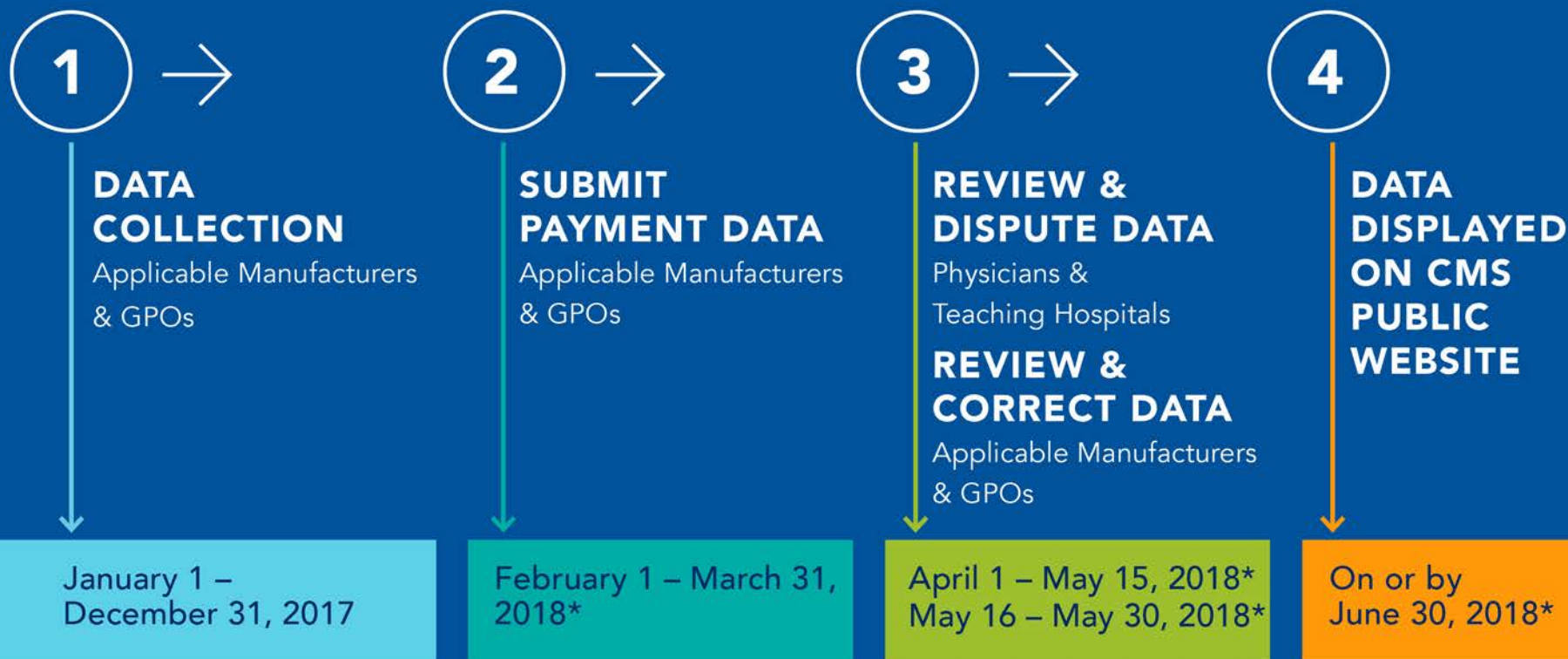
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Program timeline



The timeline above is based on Program Year 2017. *Anticipated date.

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BEST PRACTICE: REVIEW YOUR DATA EVERY YEAR BEFORE IT GOES PUBLIC



Pre-publication review is your opportunity to make sure all data are correct before the public sees it. You may review data reported about you and if necessary, dispute any inaccuracies **before it is published**.

Review of the data is voluntary, but strongly encouraged as this ensures accuracy of the reported data.

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OPEN PAYMENTS REGISTRATION

- Registration is a two step process
- Successful registration in BOTH the Enterprise Identity Management System (EIDM) and the Open Payments system is required to be able to perform any Open Payments system-related functions

ENTERPRISE IDENTITY MANAGEMENT (EIDM)

- Register **self** in EIDM via CMS Enterprise Portal at <https://portal.cms.gov> (only individuals—physicians, etc.) register in EIDM)
- Request access to the Open Payments system for yourself



OPEN PAYMENTS SYSTEM

- Register **self** in the Open Payments system

REGISTRATION FOR PHYSICIANS



- **Physicians who registered during previous program years do not need to register again**
 - The EIDM locks accounts if there is no activity for 60 days or more. To unlock an account, go to the CMS Enterprise Portal, enter your user ID and correctly answer all challenge questions; you'll then be prompted to enter a new password.
 - The EIDM deactivates accounts if there is no activity for 180 days or more. To reinstate an account that has been deactivated, contact the Open Payments Help Desk.

- **Physician profiles are vetted against CMS approved sources to confirm that the registrant is a covered recipient physician. Vetting is completed through the use of information provided during registration including:**
 - First and last name
 - National Provider Identifier (NPI)
 - State license(s) information
 - Primary type (if no NPI is provided)
- *A physician may nominate one authorized representative to perform system functions on their behalf*

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL VETTING

1

- Make sure the name used for registration matches exactly with the name in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)
 - Hospital based physicians **MUST** register as physicians, not as hospitals in order to view their records

2

- Enter NPI, if you have one
 - Enter exactly as listed in NPPES for the current calendar year

3

- Enter at least one active state license number

4

- Provide as much information as possible – more information can speed vetting and ensure all records associated with the physician will be accurately matched



RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION



- Stay connected to Open Payments through the Open Payments listserv!
 - Subscribe at the Contact Us Page at <https://cms.gov/openpayments>



- Learn more about the Open Payments Program and access resources at <https://www.cms.gov/openpayments>



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