



An Invitation to Join Jonathan Blum, CMS' Deputy Administrator and the Director of the Center for Medicare for an Overview of the Medicare Shared Savings Program Final Rule and Other Opportunities to Improve Care

Please join us on **November 21, 2011**, for an in-person meeting with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Jonathan Blum, CMS' Deputy Administrator and the Director of the Center for Medicare to discuss the final rule that includes new incentives for providers to work together through Accountable Care Organizations when caring for people with Medicare. There are also new tools to help doctors and other health care providers improve the quality of care for all patients.

This meeting is intended to help you understand what CMS wants to achieve through the various Accountable Care Organization (ACO) models, and we welcome your questions in advance.

WHO: Jonathan Blum, CMS' Deputy Administrator & the Director of the Center for Medicare
Dr. Richard Wild, CMS Atlanta Chief Medical Officer
Dr. David Nilasena, CMS Dallas Chief Medical Officer

WHEN: November 21, 2011
1:00-2:00 p.m. EST.

WHERE: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Tom Harkin Global Communications Center
1600 Clifton Road, MS-D32
Atlanta, GA 30333

A conference line will be available for those not able to attend (Listen Only)

DIAL: 877-267-1577 Meeting ID 4494

Please feel free to distribute the dial-in information broadly.

Instructions for submitting questions:

- Please submit your questions to Teresa Wilson, Health Insurance Specialist, teresa.wilson@cms.hhs.gov by November 15, 2011. If there is time at the meeting, there will be an open microphone.

Resources:

The Shared Savings Program final rule is posted at: www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx.

The Advanced Payment solicitation is posted at: <http://innovations.cms.gov/areas-of-focus/seamless-and-coordinated-care-models/advance-payment/>.

For more information, fact sheets are posted at: <http://www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/2011/10/accountable-care10202011a.html> and <http://www.cms.gov/ACO/>.

The joint CMS and Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) Interim Final Rule with Comment Period addressing waivers of certain fraud and abuse laws in connection with the Shared Savings Program is posted at: www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx.

The Antitrust Policy Statement is posted at: www.ftc.gov/opp/aco/ and http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/health_care/aco.html.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Fact Sheet, Tax-Exempt Organizations Participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program through Accountable Care (FS-2001-11), will be posted at: <http://www.irs.gov>.

For additional information you may view the CMS Fact Sheets (10/20) posted at: https://www.cms.gov/apps/media/fact_sheets.asp

Federal Register Links

ACOs:

http://www.ofr.gov/%28X%281%29S%28tjvvl3cjfibkabro1wpoyyd%29%29/OFRUpload/OFRData/2011-27461_PI.pdf

Stark Waivers:

http://www.ofr.gov/%28X%281%29S%28tjvvl3cjfibkabro1wpoyyd%29%29/OFRUpload/OFRData/2011-27460_PI.pdf

Advanced Payment:

http://www.ofr.gov/%28X%281%29S%28tjvvl3cjfibkabro1wpoyyd%29%29/OFRUpload/OFRData/2011-27458_PI.pdf