Dear Physicians,

As many of you may recall at the December 2013 Medical Staff meeting, information was provided regarding the future activity that will take place by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the Open Payments data reporting. Please know that maintaining accuracy of this published data is your personal responsibility and any activities that are recorded by industry will be made publically available on September 30, 2014.


The Open Payments review and dispute process begins on July 14 and ends August 27, 2014. The review, dispute and correction process allows physicians to review and initiate any disputes regarding the data reported about them by applicable manufacturers and applicable group purchasing organizations (GPOs) before CMS makes the information public on September 30, 2014. In order to learn how to dispute a claim you can visit the CMS website at: [http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/National-Physician-Payment-Transparency-Program/Physicians.html](http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/National-Physician-Payment-Transparency-Program/Physicians.html) for more information.

CMS recently published website changes that include multiple Quick Reference Guides. The Quick Reference Guides are one page documents that provide basic instructional guidance on how to register in the Open Payments system, how to review records in the Open Payments system, how an Authorized Representative can accept or reject a nomination and how to initiate and dispute a record in the Open Payments system. They can be downloaded on the Physician web page, Teaching Hospital web page, and Dispute and Resolution web page.

Individuals need to know that outside interest groups have been known to access this data and validate individual’s activities against institutional disclosure reporting and us the information in newspaper publications. Based on these activities, this may be a good time for you to review the UCDHS policies on Conflict of Interest (UCDHS P&P 1705), Vendor Relations (UCDHS P&P 2204) and UCD Research Policies 230-05 (Conflict of Interest) and 230-07 (Public Health Services Regulations on Objectivity in Research).