**Overview**

The Physician Payments Sunshine Act requires applicable manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologicals, or medical supplies to report to CMS certain payments or transfers of value made to physicians or teaching hospitals. It also requires manufacturers and group purchasing organizations to disclose physician ownership or investment interests. The data are published annually on the publicly available CMS website known as “[Open Payments](https://www.cms.gov/openpayments/)." For more information on the Sunshine Act and its implications for WFBH physicians, [read the Sunshine Act Overview](http://intranet.wakehealth.edu/Departments/COI/Sunshine-Act/Overview.htm).

**Tips to Register in Open Payments**

CMS Open Payments Team has developed a short (9 slides) Physician's [Educational PowerPoint](http://intranet.wakehealth.edu/Departments/Audit-and-Compliance/Documents/Physician-s-Educational-PowerPoint.htm) that summarizes the Open Payments registration, data, and vetting process.

The entire registration process has two parts: The CMS Portal Registration and the Open Payments Registration. The process should take about 30 minutes to complete and must be finished in a single session. Users cannot save entries or complete their profiles at later times.

* If you have not already registered, the portal is available at [CMS Open Payments Registration Portal](https://portal.cms.gov/wps/portal/unauthportal/home/)
* To register in Open Payments you should have your [NPI](https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov/), [Provider Taxonomy Codes](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/TaxonomyCrosswalk.pdf), DEA and state license numbers available.
* Use Internet Explorer versions 8-10, or the latest version of Firefox. Currently, the Open Payments system is not optimized for the Safari or Chrome browsers.
* Before accessing the CMS site, clear/delete cookies from your browser and restart it.
* Using your browser’s navigation buttons during the registration process may delete information you have entered.  Be sure to only use the navigation buttons in the software.
* Please be aware that your password expires every 60 days, although your user account will be deactivated after 180+ days of inactivity.
* The [Open Payments Help Desk](https://www.cms.gov/OpenPayments/Contact-Us/Contact-Us.html) is available to address any questions or challenges in the registration and vetting process.  For live assistance, call Help Desk Support on **1-855-326-8366**, Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm (EST), excluding Federal holidays.