To: School of Medicine Faculty

From: Research Integrity Office

Subject: Open Payments Physician and Teaching Hospital Review and Dispute Ends May 20th


As part of the Open Payments program, physicians and teaching hospitals can review payments attributed to them. Drug and medical device makers are required to report certain payments made to physicians and teaching hospitals on an annual basis. Physician and teaching hospital participation in the program is voluntary, but is encouraged so that physicians and teaching hospitals can review and, if necessary, dispute payments before the information is made public on June 30, 2015. After the review and dispute period officially ends, physicians and teaching hospitals can continue to register and initiate disputes, but resolutions will not be publicly displayed until the next reporting cycle.

To review data, physicians and teaching hospitals must [register in both the CMS Enterprise Portal and the Open Payments system](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/advocacy/topics/sunshine-act-and-physician-financial-transparency-reports.page). This is the second reporting cycle for Open Payments, and it covers payments made in 2014. Last year, CMS published information about 4.45 million payments valued at $3.7 billion for the last five months of 2013.

Physicians and teaching hospitals who registered last year do not need to register again in the CMS Enterprise Portal or the Open Payments system. Go to the [CMS Enterprise Portal](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/advocacy/topics/sunshine-act-and-physician-financial-transparency-reports.page), log in using your user ID and password, and navigate to the Open Payments system home page.

The CMS Enterprise Portal locks accounts if there is no activity for 60 days or more, and deactivates accounts if there is no activity for 180 days or more. To unlock an account, [go to the CMS Enterprise Portal](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/advocacy/topics/sunshine-act-and-physician-financial-transparency-reports.page), enter your user ID and correctly answer all challenge questions; you’ll then be prompted to enter a new password. To reinstate an account, contact the [Open Payments Help Desk](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/advocacy/topics/sunshine-act-and-physician-financial-transparency-reports.page).