

Payments from drug and device manufacturers to physicians and teaching hospitals

ISSUE: Under the Open Payments program, CMS collects data from drug and device manufacturers and group purchasing organizations (GPOs) on their financial relationships with physicians and teaching hospitals. CMS has released data from the last five months of 2013 and all of 2014.

KEY POINTS: During 2014, manufacturers and GPOs reported making about \$6.5 billion in payments and other transfers of value to over 600,000 physicians and over 1,100 teaching hospitals. The data include payments for promotional speeches, royalties, consulting, research, and other activities, as well as physicians' ownership interests in manufacturers and GPOs. Staff will present results from their analysis of 2014 data.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback on the analysis.

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