

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a "CERT Education Call" to provide an opportunity for live dialogue between CMS and the Medicare fee for service (FFS) provider community. The call will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 1: 00pm to 3:00pm, EST, details are below.

The Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) program is designed to measure improper payments in the Medicare FFS program, as required by the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (IPIA; Public Law 107-300). The purpose of this open door forum conference call is to educate Medicare FFS providers about CERT, changes in the CERT process, and their specific responsibilities during the CERT process.

Call participants will learn from CERT related presentations such as;

- An overview of the CERT Program, the CERT process and what you may be required to do during a CERT review.
- The documentation request letter/ what are your responsibilities when the documentation request letter is received.
- The follow up schedule and the requirements.
- Frequent mistakes and best practices.

The following materials will be discussed and are available at the CERT page of the CMS Website, <http://www.cms.gov/CERT/>.

- CERT Education Call Materials

Joining the Conference:

1. In the 10 minutes prior to the call's start time, Call lines will be available by calling the **Participant Dial-In Number: *US/Canada Dial-in #: (877) 251 - 0301** **Your Conference ID # is 80895474.** Please provide the following participant information that will include the following:

State Organization # of persons in the room

2. Provide the Operator with the Conference ID Number.
3. Helpful keypad commands:
 - *0 - Operator Assistance
 - *5 - Group Mute/Unmute
 - *6 - Self Mute/Unmute
 - *7 - Lock conference to additional participants

Encore is available for this call which is a digital recording of the conference and will be available for replay two hours after the call's completion. The date range that the conference replay will be available through dialing the Encore Dial In # : (800) 642-1687 or (706) 645-9291 from 06/15/2010 15:00EST - 06/17/2010 23:59 EST.

There will be time available for Q&A's however, CMS encourages your questions to be submitted in advance to our designated CERT email address at; CERT@cms.hhs.gov.

Please check the CMS Website's CERT page regularly for additional information and updates at <http://www.cms.gov/CERT/>.

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