

CMS Special Open Door Forum: The Council on Technology & Innovation (CTI)

Friday, October 22, 2004
3:00-5:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Section 942(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 establishes a Council for Technology and Innovation (CTI), charged with leading improvements in the coordination of coverage, coding, and payment processes with respect to new technologies and procedures (including new drug therapies). The CTI will additionally serve in facilitating the exchange of information between CMS and other entities both public and private, that are faced with making similar decisions. This Council replaces the previous Medicare Technology Council and consists of cross-cutting members of the Agency's senior staff and is co-chaired by the Director of the Center for Medicare Management, Herb Kuhn, who is designated the Council's Executive Coordinator, and Sean Tunis, MD, the director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality.

CMS is holding this Special Open Door to introduce the Council, and to report their progress in a few areas, including the agency's coverage guidance development process and in the priority setting for future guidance areas. We hope to engage in related discussions regarding the use of current agency practices, with the goal of more efficient coordination when products and services are accepted for coverage, and coded for appropriate payment. We are also looking to hear stakeholder input and ideas for other Council areas of investigation, including how CMS can support clinical research to gather useful information when questions of effectiveness and cost remain unanswered relative to product or service value for the Medicare program.

Topics for Discussion and Comment:

- How to best incorporate stakeholder input in CMS coverage and payment policy development
- How to improve the overall supply of scientific evidence through priority setting, methods development and other possible mechanisms
- Ideas on FDA/CMS collaboration

For more information on the CTI, please refer to the August 13th press release:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/media/press/release.asp?Counter=1163>.

Open Door Participation Instructions:

There are 2 ways to participate, by phone or "in-person".

1. To participate by phone:

Dial: **1-800-837-1935** & Reference Conference ID: **1430120**

Persons participating by phone do not need to RSVP.

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A Relay Communications Assistant will help.**2.** To participate in-person:

If you intend to participate in person, **RSVP is required:**

Please send a reply to this email by close of business Tuesday, October 19th to SpecialODF@cms.hhs.gov.

Please include the words “**CTI**” in the subject line of your message, and send us the following information:

- a) Your full name
- b) Your organization or representation
- c) Your contact information (phone and email)
- d) Special needs information

Location information:

ADDRESS:

CMS Single Site Building
Auditorium
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Baltimore, MD 21244

Map & Directions: <http://cmsnet.cms.hhs.gov/hpages/ocsq/cmsdirections-north.htm>

ENCORE: 1-800-642-1687

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The recording begins on Monday, Oct.25, 2004 and expires after 4 business days.

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