

The next Employer Forum conference call will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2004 from 1 P.M. to 2 P. M. (EST). Room S2-06-21 for the onsite personnel. To join the conference call, please call 1-877-387-5070 and tell the operator that you would like access to the "Forum" chaired by Mark Koepke (which will really be Spencer Schron).

Once again the members of the CMS Sponsor Subsidy team will provide an update on employer subsidy issues and be available for questions of comments on the provision of the MMA.

Attached is the questionnaire which that the team talked about at the first conference call on sponsor subsidies. The CMS team plans to ask for comment on it during the call. We also hope that some of the Forum members will provide written comments.

The PRA estimates are published with the NPRM and it is important that they be based on information from those they will impact. Thank you for your assistance on this.

Future Employer Forum calls are scheduled for 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. (EST)

April 8, 2004
May 13, 2004
June 10, 2004
July 8, 2004

The continuation of the Employer Forum via these calls is vital to CMS. We would appreciate hearing from you about future topics for calls and if previous calls met your purpose. Please send me an email at bburrier1@cms.hhs.gov and let me know how you grade us.

In addition, if you have any suggestions for future Employer Forum Conference calls, and get me, please contact Steve Wojcik of the National Business Group on Health at wojcik@nbgh.org or 202-775-1812, Kelli Moloer of the National Coalition on Health at kmmoler@aol.com or 202-775-9300, or Larry Boress of the Midwest Business Group on Health at lboress@mbgh.org or 312-372-9090.