



U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to invite your participation in the following:

A Listening Session for Medicare Providers and Suppliers on:

**The Medicare Prepayment Review and Prior Authorization
Demonstration Project for Power Mobility Devices (PMDs)**

**Speaker: Melanie Combs-Dyer, Deputy Director
Provider Compliance Group, Office of Financial Management**

**Thursday, January 12, 2012
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Hospital of the Good Samaritan
Moseley-Salvatori Conference Center
637 Lucas Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90017**

The Prior Authorization of PMD Demonstration will require prior authorization for scooters and power wheelchairs (called power mobility devices) for all people with original Medicare who reside in seven states with high populations of fraud- and error-prone providers (CA, IL, MI, NY, NC, FL, and TX). The demonstration will be implemented in two phases, effective January 1, 2012. During the first phase (the first three to nine months), the Medicare Administrative Contractors will conduct prepayment reviews on power mobility device claims. The second phase, for the remainder of this three-year demonstration, will implement prior authorization, a tool utilized by private-sector health care payers to prevent improper payments and deter fraud. Physicians and treating practitioners, working with their suppliers will have to submit a prior authorization request for a device before the supplier can submit a claim to Medicare.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to ROSFOFM@cms.hhs.gov no later than **COB Friday, January 6, 2012**. If you have any questions, please call (415) 744-3658.

We appreciate your time and participation.