



U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



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

A Special Meeting 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**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**San Francisco Federal Building
90 7th St., San Francisco, CA 94103-6708
Rooms B-020 & B-040 (Joint Auditorium)**

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.

This meeting is open to Medicare providers and suppliers as well as provider associations, partner organizations, and other stakeholders. The purpose of this meeting is to educate audiences about the value of the PMD demonstration to the long-term security of Medicare by preventing fraud, waste, and abuse and reducing improper payments. Time will be allotted for questions. *Associations may invite member providers.*

Note: Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow for security screening with photo ID.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Dickon Chan at Dickon.Chan@cms.hhs.gov no later than **COB Friday, January 6, 2012**. If you have any questions, please call (415) 744-3662.