



Tuesday's Tip

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Health Care Industry/Provider Financial Relationships

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The Federal Government, within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), collects data about payments made by drug companies and medical device companies to health providers (physicians and teaching hospitals).

These payments may be for things such as research, meals, travel, gifts, or speaking fees, and do not necessarily imply any improper relationships between the companies and the providers.

However, in the interests of transparency, these financial relationships are reported to the Federal Government, and CMS provides a search tool where you can search for providers that have received payments as well as companies that have made them.

The web site is called "Open Payments", and the search tool can be found here:

<https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/>

OpenPaymentsData.CMS.gov

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Search

Search Open Payments

The Open Payments Search Tool is used to search payments made by drug and medical device companies to physicians and teaching hospitals.

Search Physician, Teaching Hospital, or Company by Name

Or use the [Advanced Search](#)

Open Payments data is from August 2013 to December 2017 - See About page

The Facts on Open Payments 2017 Open Payments Data

Total US Dollar Value 8.40 Billion

Total Records Published 11.54 Million

Explore the Facts on Open Payments Data

Patients are encouraged to discuss any financial relationships they may find on Open Payments with their health care providers.

More information about Open Payments can be found from its home page:

<https://www.cms.gov/openpayments/>