

Children's of Alabama Compliance Corner



Attention All Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified RN Anesthetists, and Anesthesiologist Assistants!

Covered Recipients

You are now considered a “covered recipient” under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Open Payments Program. The program was designed to create a more transparent and accountable healthcare system. Open Payments is a federally mandated program that collects and reports payments from **reporting entities to covered recipients**. Physicians and teaching hospitals, such as Children’s, have been covered recipients since 2013.

Reporting Entities

Reporting entities include pharmaceutical and DME companies. These entities are required to report to CMS any payments or transfers of value given to covered recipients.

A few examples of payments or transfers of value:



Travel/Lodging



Entertainment (food, beverages, gifts)



Fees (speaking, consulting, teaching, honoraria)

When and how will this data be published?

CMS reports the recipient’s name and the payment data on their website by June 30th of each year. If you are a PA, NP, CNS, CRNA or AA, and receive a payment in 2021 from a reporting entity, it should be published on the CMS website (<https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/>) by June 30, 2022.

What should I do?

1. Watch CMS’ New Feature Video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_S807H3gI for more details
2. Register and, when available, review your data and dispute any inaccuracies
3. If you receive a payment or transfer of value from a reporting entity in 2021, please contact salena.stalker@childrensal.org (205.638.2370) or cindy.rogers@childrensal.org to complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form.