**Open Payments Search Tool Updates: Things to Know**

The Open Payments search tool, managed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is being updated in the summer of 2021. This will provide better support of the most used Open Payments features. There will be a few minor impacts to the user experience.

Here are the main things you need to know:

**The URL for the Open Payments Search Tool is the same, but the search tool will look different**

Because of technical improvements behind the scenes, you'll notice some differences when you access the search tool at https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov/. You will still be able to do everything with the updated tool as you did before, but we've made the experience more streamlined so you can access the data you need more easily.

**Your search experience will be more streamlined and flexible.**

When you type a name or organization into the search bar, you can view results across all records, or narrow down to physician name, teaching hospital, or pharmaceutical company. You can also apply filters to get more specific data about dates and types of payments.

We've given you more control over this process with the updated tool, with more flexibility in how you view the data. You can also see previews of your search results, which makes it easier to find what you're looking for, even when you are searching with only partial information.

**Some Dataset Options for API Users Have Changed**

APIs allow you to use Open Payments data to power your own projects. The Open Payments API can customize available datasets enabling you to use them to power your own applications, visualizations, or projects.

If you currently use, or would like to use the Open Payments API you should review the API documentation found on the site at https://demo.getdkan.org/modules/contrib/dkan/docs/index.html as some of the dataset options  have changed.

**Your feedback helps us improve Open Payments**

We want to know about your experience using the Open Payments site as we continue to improve it. It's easy to give feedback through a quick survey that is available on the homepage of the Open Payments site. Your input will help us better understand who is using the search tool and what data and features are most valuable.