



Patient Advocate Program

TEACH IN May 26, 2026

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CMS Updates for 2026: Agency priorities for Medicare and beyond.

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 **TIME:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

SPEAKER: Thomas Bane, Special Assistant, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Region 2

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Session Overview

CMS Regional Office Updates:

The Regional Office of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is the agency's state and local presence. Regional field staff work closely with beneficiaries, health care providers, state governments, CMS contractors, community groups and others to provide education and help uniformly implement policies.

In this session you will learn about CMS priorities for Medicare and beyond from the Regional Office.

Hear updates from the CMS regional office about key topics related to your Medicare, including:

- Preventing fraud, waste and abuse
- Medicare Preventive Benefits
- How healthcare services empower beneficiaries and improve patient care
- Efforts to reduce prescription drug costs



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SAVE THE DATES:

June 23 - Commence Health (Formerly known as Livanta): Information on how Medicare beneficiaries, patients, and families can file discharge appeals or quality of care complaints for Medicare health care services. Speaker: James Mellot, Director of Communications, Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)

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