

## County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY HEALTH CENTERS DIVISION

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Dear Patient,

We want to inform you about the Open Payments database, which is a federal tool used to search payments made by drug and device companies to physicians and teaching hospitals.

The Open Payments database can be found at <a href="https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov">https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov</a>. For informational purposes only, a link to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Open Payments web page is provided here.

The federal Physician Payments Sunshine Act requires that detailed information about payment and other payments of value worth over ten dollars (\$10) from manufacturers of drugs, medical devices, and biologics to physicians and teaching hospitals be made available to the public.

Please note that this notice is required by California Assembly Bill 1278, which went into effect on January 1, 2023. As your physician, we are required to provide you with this notice at your initial office visit of the year or within 30 days of a new payment being added to the database.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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