



Submit a Public Comment to CMS Toolkit

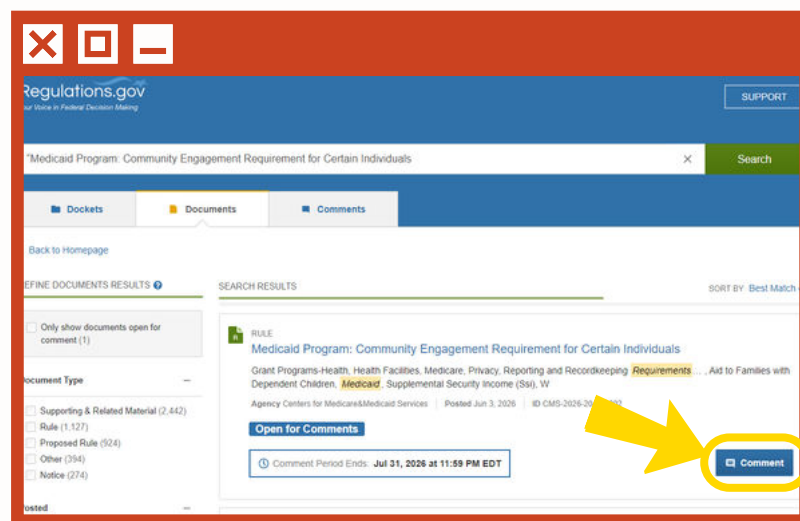
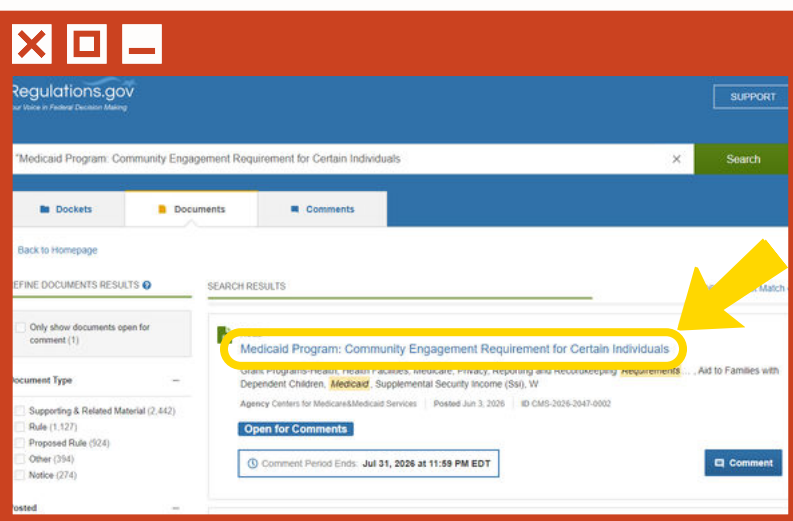
Submitting a public comment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is an important way for stakeholders to share their perspectives on proposed policies and programs. Comments submitted through Regulations.gov become part of the official public record and are reviewed by CMS during the decision-making process.

Step 1: Search for the Rule

Visit Regulations.gov and search for the relevant rule. For example "Medicaid Program: Community Engagement Requirement for Certain Individuals."

Step 2: Open the Comment Page

Click the "Comment" button to begin the submission process.



Step 3: Prepare Your Comment

Draft a clear and condensed comment that includes your story, how this rule will impact you, and what you'd like to see changed into the comment box. You can also upload any relevant documents to attach to your submission. These documents can include past testimony, published research, and relevant policies.

INCLUDE:

1. An introduction of you and your story
2. Explain how the proposed rule affects you, your community, or the patients you serve
3. Provide any data, examples, or anecdotes
4. Clearly state your perspective or suggested change

Step 4: Fill Out the Required Information

Under “What is your comment about?,” input your comment category:



**Patient/warrior
and caretaker**
select



**Community based
organization (CBO)**
select



Health care worker, select the most
relevant description of your role in the
'Health Care Provider/Association' Category

Individual ▼

Consumer Group ▼

Health Care Provider/Association... ▼

Step 5: Specify Who You Are Writing On Behalf

Indicate whether you are writing on behalf of yourself by selecting 'Individual', or on behalf of an organization, by selecting 'An Organization'. Be sure to fill out the relevant information under whichever category you choose.

Step 6: Review and Submit

Review your submission to ensure accuracy and completeness. Once you are satisfied with your submission, confirm you are not a robot, and click “Submit Comment.”

You will then receive a notification confirming that your comment was successfully submitted.

Step 7: Congratulate Yourself!

Congratulations! You have successfully submitted a public comment and participated in important advocacy on behalf of a special community.

Some important notes:

- **Do not include any confidential or sensitive information** about yourself or anyone else.
- Keep your comments **focused and specific** to get your message across.
- Remember, **all comments are public**. What you submit can be viewed publicly and by anyone.

THANK YOU for your advocacy. By participating in this process, you are helping to inform and educate CMS to ensure the patient perspective is represented in federal decision-making.



Additional Questions? We're here to help.

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