

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

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Medicare Program; October 28, 1998, Meeting of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee (the CPAC) on October 28, 1998. Section 4012 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to create the CPAC. The CPAC meets periodically and makes recommendations to the Secretary concerning the designation of areas for inclusion in the Medicare+Choice competitive pricing demonstration project and suggests appropriate research designs for implementing the project.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for October 28, 1998, from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lu Zawistowich, Sc.D., Executive Director, Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee, Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Boulevard C4-14-17, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, (410) 786-6451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4011 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, (BBA) (Public Law 105-33) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology.

Section 4012 of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint a Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee (the CPAC). The CPAC will meet periodically to make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the designation of areas for inclusion in the project and appropriate research design for implementing the project.

The CPAC consists of 15 individuals who are independent actuaries; experts in competitive pricing and the

administration of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program; and representatives of health plans, insurers, employers, unions, and beneficiaries. In accordance with section 4012(a)(5) of the BBA, the CPAC will terminate on December 31, 2004.

The CPAC held its first meeting on May 7, 1998, its second meeting on June 24 and 25, 1998, and its third meeting on September 23 and 24, 1998. The CPAC members are: James Cubbin, Executive Director, General Motors Health Care Initiative; Robert Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, HCFA; John Bertko, CEO and Senior Actuary, PM-Squared Inc.; Dave Durenberger, Senior Health Policy Fellow, University of St. Thomas and Founder of Public Policy Partners; Gary Goldstein, M.D., CEO, The Oschner Clinic; Samuel Havens, Healthcare Consultant and Chairman of Health Scope/United; Margaret Jordan, Healthcare Consultant and CEO, The Margaret Jordan Group; Chip Kahn, CEO, The Health Insurance Association of America; Cleve Killingsworth, President, Health Alliance Plan; Nancy Kichak, Director, Office of Actuaries, Office of Personnel Management; Len Nichols, Principal Research Associate, The Urban Institute; Robert Reischauer, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institute; John Rother, Director, Legislation and Public Policy, American Association of Retired Persons; Andrew Stern, President, Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO; and Jay Wolfson, Director, The Florida Information Center, University of South Florida. The Chairperson is James Cubbin and the Co-Chairperson is Robert Berenson, M.D.

The agenda will include a discussion and preliminary selection of demonstration sites, development of evaluation questions and data requirements, and recommendations for Area Advisory Committee discussions.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues should contact Lu Zawistowich, Sc.D., CPAC Executive Director, Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Boulevard C4-14-17, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, (410) 786-6451, by 12 noon, October 21, 1998. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 12 noon, October 23, 1998. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Executive Director by 12 noon, October 23, 1998.

The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

(Section 4012 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23 note) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App.2, section 10(a))

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: October 6, 1998.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator,

Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Resources and Services Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1891.

Comments Are Invited On

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Survey of Provider Practices in Retrieving Statewide Authorized Newborn Screening Results NEW

The ability of the primary care pediatrician to access rapidly the results of mandated State newborn screening test results for their patients may suffer from poor communication from the State newborn screening system. The purpose of this preliminary survey is:

(1) To determine current practices of primary care pediatricians in retrieving

results of Statewide newborn screening tests;

(2) To assess the effectiveness and timeliness of State newborn screening systems in providing results to the primary care pediatrician; and,

(3) To assess the satisfaction of primary care pediatricians with the communication and retrieval aspects of the mandated State newborn screening system.

This survey is being conducted in order to obtain more direct information regarding current practices as they

impact on the primary care providers ability to access, retrieve and document the results of newborn screening. The study population will consist of 4,000 randomly selected board certified primary care pediatricians who are members of the American Academy of Pediatrics. An assessment of current practices in retrieving results of Statewide newborn screening will be accomplished using a self-administered mail questionnaire.

The estimated respondent burden is as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Pediatricians	4,000	1	8 minutes	533

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: October 5, 1998.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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Resources, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Two Rockledge Center, Suite 10160, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301/435-0080).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 5, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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Place: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Federal Building, Room 9C10, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892-9175, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Phillip F. Wiethorn, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS, Federal Building, Room 9C10, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-9223.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 5, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sickle Cell Disease Advisory Committee.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Sickle Cell Disease Advisory Committee.

Date: November 13, 1998.

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To discuss recommendations on the implementation and evaluation of the NHLBI sickle cell disease program.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Rockledge Center, Conference Room 9104, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Elaine Sloand, MD, Acting Director, Division of Blood Diseases and

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: October 14, 1998.

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4385-D-01]

Designation of Senior Procurement Executive and Revocation and Delegation of Procurement Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of designation of Senior Procurement Executive and revocation and delegation of procurement authority.

SUMMARY: In this Notice, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development transfers the designation of Senior Procurement Executive from the Assistant Secretary for Administration