

major rules with economically significant effects (\$100 million or more annually). We have determined that this notice is not a major rule because it merely solicits interested parties to submit requests for review of the appropriateness of the payment amount with regard to a particular IOL furnished by an ASC.

The RFA requires agencies to analyze options for small business regulatory relief. For purposes of the RFA, small entities include small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Most hospitals and most other providers and suppliers are small entities, either by nonprofit status or by having revenues of \$6 million to 29 million or less in any 1 year period. Approximately 83 percent of ASCs generate revenues of \$18.5 million or less and are considered small business entities according to the Small Business Administration. Although a substantial number of ASCs may be affected, we do not believe there will be significant economic impact on small businesses for the reason stated above.

In addition, section 1102(b) of the Act requires us to prepare a regulatory impact analysis if a rule may have a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals. This analysis must conform to the provisions of section 604 of the RFA. For purposes of section 1102(b) of the Act, we define a small rural hospital as a hospital that is located outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area and has fewer than 100 beds. We have determined that this notice, which affects only ASCs, will have no effect on small rural hospitals.

Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 also requires that agencies assess anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in an expenditure in any one year by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$110 million. Because this notice only affects ASCs, we have determined that it will not have a consequential effect on the governments mentioned or on the private sector.

Executive Order 13132 establishes certain requirements that an agency must meet when it promulgates a proposed rule (and subsequent final rule) that imposes substantial direct requirement costs on State, local, or tribal governments, preempts State law, or otherwise has Federalism implications. Because this notice merely solicits interested parties to submit requests for review of the appropriateness of the payment amount with regard to a particular IOL furnished by an ASC, we have

determined that it does not have an economic impact on State, local, or tribal governments.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: Sections 1832(a)(2)(F)(i) and 1833(i)(2)(a)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(F)(i) and 1395l(i)(2)(A)(iii)).

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

Dated: April 21, 2005.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-4095-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, June 21, 2005

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 10(a) (Pub. L. 92-463), this notice announces a meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) on June 21, 2005. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Medicare program. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., e.d.t.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: June 14, 2005, 12 noon, e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 737-2200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynne Johnson, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Partnership

Development, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail stop S2-23-05, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-0090. Please refer to the CMS Advisory Committees' Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/apme/default.asp>) for additional information and updates on committee activities, or contact Ms. Johnson via e-mail at Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), as amended, grants to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) the authority to establish an advisory panel for the purpose of advising the Secretary in connection with any of his functions. The Secretary signed the charter establishing this Panel on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7849), and approved the renewal of the charter on January 14, 2005. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Medicare program.

The goals of the Panel are as follows:

- To develop and implement a national Medicare education program that describes the options for selecting a health plan under Medicare.
- To enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships.
- To expand outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of a national Medicare education program.
- To assemble an information base of best practices for helping consumers evaluate health plan options and build a community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

The current members of the Panel are: Dr. Drew E. Altman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Dr. Jane Delgado, Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Hispanic Health; Clayton Fong, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging; Thomas Hall, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cardio-Kinetics, Inc.; The Honorable Bobby Jindal, United States Congress; David Knutson, Director, Health System Studies, Park

Nicollet Institute for Research and Education; Dr. David Lansky, Director, Health Program, Markle Foundation; Donald J. Lott, Executive Director, Indian Family Health Clinic; Dr. Frank I. Luntz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Luntz Research Companies; Dr. Daniel Lyons, Senior Vice President, Government Programs, Independence Blue Cross; Katherine Metzger, Director, Medicare and Medicaid Programs, Fallon Community Health Plan; Dr. Keith Mueller, Professor and Section Head, Health Services Research and Rural Health Policy, University of Nebraska; David Null, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch; Lee Partridge, Senior Health Policy Advisor, National Partnership for Women and Families; Dr. Marlon Priest, Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Susan O. Raetzman, Associate Director, Public Policy Institute, AARP; Catherine Valenti, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Caring Voice Coalition, and Grant Wedner, Senior Director, New Services Department, WebMD.

The agenda for the June 21, 2005, meeting will include the following:

- Recap of the previous meeting (March 22, 2005).
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services update.
- Medicare Modernization Act: Education and outreach strategies.
- Public comment.
- Listening session with CMS leadership.
- Next steps.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make a 5-minute oral presentation on an agenda topic should submit a written copy of the oral presentation to Lynne Johnson, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Partnership Development, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail stop S2-23-05, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850 or by e-mail at Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov, no later than 12 noon, e.d.t., June 14, 2005. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. Individuals not wishing to make a presentation may submit written comments to Ms. Johnson by 12 noon, (e.d.t.), June 14, 2005. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

Special Accommodation: Individuals requiring sign language interpretation or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Johnson at least 15 days before the meeting.

Authority: Sec. 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a) and sec. 10(a)

of Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, sec. 10(a) and 41 CFR 102-3).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.733, Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: May 18, 2005.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1293-N]

Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2005 for New Clinical Laboratory Tests Payment Determinations

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting to discuss payment determinations for specific new Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for clinical laboratory tests. The meeting provides a forum for interested parties to make oral presentations and submit written comments on the new codes that will be included in Medicare's Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for calendar year 2006, which will be effective on January 1, 2006. Discussion is directed toward technical issues relating to payment determinations for a specified list of new clinical laboratory codes. The development of the codes for clinical laboratory tests is largely performed by the CPT Editorial Panel and will not be further discussed at the CMS meeting.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, located at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Greenberg, (410) 786-4601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 531(b) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of

2000 (BIPA), Pub. L. 106-554, mandated procedures that permit public consultation for payment determinations for new clinical laboratory tests under Part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act) in a manner consistent with the procedures established for implementing coding modifications for International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9-CM). The procedures and public meeting announced in this notice for new clinical laboratory tests are in accordance with the procedures published on November 23, 2001, in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 58743) to implement section 531(b) of BIPA. Also, section 942(b) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), Pub. L. 108-173, amends section 1833(h)(8)(B)(iii) of the Act to require that we convene a public meeting to receive comments and recommendations (and data on which recommendations are based) for establishing payment amounts for new clinical laboratory tests.

The public meeting is intended to provide expert input on the nature of new clinical laboratory tests and receive recommendations to either cross-walk or gap-fill for payment. Decisions regarding payment for the newly created Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes will not be made at this meeting. A summary of the new codes and the payment recommendations that are presented during the public meeting will be posted on our website by September 8, 2005 and can be accessed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/suppliers/clinlab>. The summary will also display our tentative payment determinations, and interested parties may submit written comments on the tentative payment determinations by September 23, 2005, to the address specified in the summary.

II. Registration

Registration Procedures:

Beginning June 20, 2005, registration may be completed on-line at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/suppliers/clinlab>. To register by telephone contact Anita Greenberg at (410) 786-4601. The following information must be submitted when registering:

- Name;
- Company name;
- Address;
- Telephone number(s); and
- E-mail address(es).

When registering, individuals who want to make a presentation must also specify which new clinical laboratory test code(s) they will be presenting. A confirmation will be sent upon receipt