Dated: November 14, 2001.

Tommy G. Thompson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Teleconference.

Times and Dates: 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., December 7, 2001.

Place: Teleconference call will originate at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details on accessing the teleconference.

Status: Open to the public, teleconference access limited only by availability of telephone ports.

Purpose: The Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the appropriate uses of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. 1396s, the Committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the list of vaccines for administration to vaccine-eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, along with schedules regarding the appropriate periodicity, dosage, and contraindications applicable to the vaccines.

Matters to be Discussed: The teleconference agenda will include a discussion of the use of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV–7) and diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP) in response to shortages of PCV–7 and DTaP, and use of pediatric vaccines containing thimerosal. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This conference call is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. To access the teleconference you must dial 1/888/556–5771. International callers should dial 712–257–2273. To be connected to the call, you will need to provide the attendant with the pass code ''ACIP meeting'' and leader name Gloria Kovach. You will then be automatically connected to the call.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gloria A. Kovach, Program Analyst, Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, National Immunization Program, CDC,1600 Clifton Road, NE, m/s E61, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone 404/639–8096.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: November 16, 2001.

John Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[CMS–R–305]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* External Quality Review of Medicaid MCOs and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 438.352,438.360, 438.362, and 438.36; *Form No.:* CMS-R–305 (OMB# 0938–0786); *Use:* The results of Medicare reviews, Medicare accreditation surveys, and Medicaid external quality reviews will be used by States in assessing the quality of care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries provided by managed care organizations or to provide information on the quality of the care provided to the general public upon request. Three of the protocol activities are mandatory and six are optional; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, State, local or tribal govt.; *Number of Respondents:* 542; *Total Annual Responses:* 16,237; *Total Annual Hours:* 638,324.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at *http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm,* or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to *Paperwork@hcfa.gov,* or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, CMS-R–305, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: November 16, 2001.

Julie E. Brown,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–3077–N]

Medicare Program; Withdrawal of Medicare Coverage of Certain Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanners

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces our decision to withdraw Medicare coverage from certain 2-[F–18] Fluoro-D-Glucose Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanners.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective January 1, 2002 for clinical indications already covered by Medicare for 2-[F–18] Fluoro-D-Glucose PET scans before July 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mitchell Burken, M.D., (410) 786–6861.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 27, 1999, we published a notice (64 FR 22619) that established the procedures used for making national coverage decisions. The April 27, 1999 notice also described the procedures we used to implement national coverage decisions. Under that section of the notice, we stated that if we chose to ''withdraw or reduce coverage for a service,'' we would publish the decision as a general notice in the **Federal Register**.

This notice announces our decision to reduce Medicare coverage of certain 2-[F–18] Fluoro-D-Glucose (FDG) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanners. For those clinical indications already covered by Medicare before July 1, 2001, PET imaging must be performed on either FDA-approved full- or partial-ring scanners, or coincidence systems that have the following features:

- Crystal at least 5/8-inch thick.
- Techniques to minimize or correct for scatter and/or randoms.
- Digital detectors and iterative reconstruction.

Scans performed with gamma camera PET systems with crystals thinner than 5/8-inch will not be covered. In addition, scans performed with systems with crystals greater than or equal to 5/8-inch in thickness, which do not meet the other listed design characteristics, are not covered.

Authority: Sections 1862, 1869(b)(3), and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y, 1395ff(b)(3), and 1395hh).

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

Dated: November 7, 2001.

Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–3079–N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Diagnostic Imaging Panel of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee—January 10, 2002

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Diagnostic Imaging Panel (the Panel) of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (the Committee). The Panel provides advice and recommendations to the Committee about clinical issues. The Panel will hear and discuss presentations from interested persons regarding whether and when it is scientifically justified to use FDG Positron Emission Tomography (PET) or other neuroimaging devices for the diagnosis and patient management of those with Alzheimer's disease (AD). The focus is on the marginal contribution of FDG-PET in various common clinical scenarios to patient outcomes. The following three scenarios will be evaluated:

- Asymptomatic patients who are at high risk of AD due to positive family history.
- Patients with mild cognitive impairment or similar syndrome.
- Patients with dementia.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)).

DATES: *The Meeting:* January 10, 2002 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., E.D.T.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: December 27, 2001, 5 p.m., E.D.T.

Special Accommodations: Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify the Executive Secretary by December 20, 2001 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

ADDRESSES: *The Meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, Room 327–328, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Presentations and Comments: Submit formal presentations and written comments to Janet A. Anderson, Executive Secretary; Office of Clinical Standards and Quality; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; 7500 Security Boulevard; Mail Stop C1–09–06; Baltimore, MD 21244.

Web site: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting at *www.hcfa.gov/coverage.*

Hotline: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting on the CMS Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1–877–449–5659 (toll free) or in the Baltimore area (410) 786–9379.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet A. Anderson, Executive Secretary, 410–786–2700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 13, 1999, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 44231) to describe the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (the Committee), which provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. This notice announces the following public meeting of the Diagnostic Imaging Panel (the Panel) of the Committee.

Current Panel Members:

Frank Papatheofanis, M.D., Ph.D.; Barbara McNeil, M.D., Ph.D.; Carole Flamm, M.D., M.P.H.; Jeffrey Lerner, Ph.D.; Michael Manyak, M.D.; Donna Novak, B.A.; Manuel Cerqueira, M.D.; Kim Burchiel, M.D.; Steven Guyton, M.D.; Sally Hart, J.D.; and Michael Klein, M.B.A.

Meeting Topic:

The Panel will hear and discuss presentations from interested persons regarding FDG Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging for Alzheimer's disease (AD), mild cognitive impairment, and dementia.

Procedure and Agenda:

This meeting is open to the public. The Panel will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 90 minutes. The Panel may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make formal presentations, you must notify the Executive Secretary named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, and submit the following by the *Deadline for Presentations and Comments* date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice: a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present, and the names and addresses of proposed participants. A written copy of your presentation must be provided to each Panel member before offering your public comments. We will request that you declare at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or