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By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Office of Governmentwide Policy

#### Cancellation of an Optional Form by the Department of State

**AGENCY:** Office of Governmentwide  
Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State  
cancelled the following Optional Form:  
OF 137, Designation of Beneficiary (12/  
77).

This form is now a State Department  
form. You can request copies from:  
Department of State, A/RPS/DIR, SA-  
22, 18th and G Streets, NW.; Suite 2400,  
Washington, DC 20520-2201, 202-312-  
9605.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr.  
Charles Cunningham, Department of  
State, 202-312-9605.

**DATES:** Effective December 15, 2003.

Dated: December 5, 2003.

**Barbara M. Williams,**

*Deputy Standard and Optional Forms  
Management Officer, General Services  
Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1370-N]

#### Medicare Program; The Practicing Physicians Advisory Council's Request for Nominations

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice invites all  
organizations representing physicians to  
submit nominees for membership on the  
Council. There will be several vacancies  
on the Council as of February 28, 2004.

**DATES:** Nominations will be considered  
if received at the appropriate address,  
no later than 5 p.m. (EST) December 26,  
2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver nominations  
to the following address: Centers for  
Medicare & Medicaid Services, Center  
for Medicare Management, Division of  
Provider Relations and Evaluations,  
Attention: Cheryl L. Slay, Designated  
Federal Official, Practicing Physicians  
Advisory Council, 7500 Security  
Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-11-27,  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Simon, M.D., Executive  
Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory  
Council, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail  
Stop C4-10-07, Baltimore, MD 21244-  
1850, (410) 786-3377. Please refer to the  
CMS Advisory Committees Information  
Line: (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-  
786-9379 local) or the Internet at [http://  
www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/ppac/  
default.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/ppac/default.asp) for additional information  
and updates on committee activities.  
News media representatives must  
contact the CMS Press Office, (202) 690-  
6145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
Secretary of the Department of Health  
and Human Services (the Secretary) is  
mandated by section 1868 of the Social  
Security Act (the Act) to appoint a  
Practicing Physicians Advisory Council  
(the Council) based on nominations  
submitted by medical organizations  
representing physicians. The Council  
meets quarterly to discuss certain  
proposed changes in regulations and  
carrier manual instructions related to  
physicians' services, as identified by the  
Secretary. To the extent feasible and  
consistent with statutory deadlines, the  
consultation must occur before  
publication of the proposed changes.  
The Council submits an annual report  
on its recommendations to the Secretary  
and the Administrator of the Centers for  
Medicare & Medicaid Services not later  
than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians,  
each of whom has submitted at least 250  
claims for physicians' services under  
Medicare in the previous year. Members  
of the Council include both  
participating and nonparticipating  
physicians, and physicians practicing in  
rural and underserved urban areas. At  
least 11 members of the Council must be  
physicians described in section  
1861(r)(1) of the Act; that is, State-  
licensed doctors of medicine or  
osteopathy. The remaining 4 members  
may include dentists, podiatrists,  
optometrists, and chiropractors.  
Members serve for overlapping 4-year  
terms; terms of more than 2 years are

contingent upon the renewal of the  
Council by appropriate action before its  
termination. Section 1868(a) of the Act  
provides that nominations to the  
Secretary for Council membership must  
be made by medical organizations  
representing physicians.

The Council held its first meeting on  
May 11, 1992. The current members are:  
James Bergeron, M.D.; Ronald  
Castallanos, M.D.; Rebecca Gaughan,  
M.D.; Carlos R. Hamilton, M.D.; Joseph  
Heyman, M.D.; Dennis K. Iglar, M.D.;  
Christopher Leggett, M.D.; Joe Johnson,  
D.O.; Barbara McAneny, M.D.; Angelyn  
L. Moultrie-Lizana, D.O.; Laura B.  
Powers, M.D.; Michael T. Rapp, M.D.;  
Amilu Rothhammer, M.D.; Robert L.  
Urata, M.D.; and Douglas L. Wood, M.D.

This notice serves as an invitation to  
all organizations representing  
physicians to submit nominees for  
membership on the Council. Each  
nomination must state that the nominee  
has expressed a willingness to serve as  
a Council member and must be  
accompanied by a short résumé or  
description of the nominee's experience.  
To permit an evaluation of possible  
sources of conflicts of interest, potential  
candidates will be asked to provide  
detailed information concerning  
financial holdings, consultant positions,  
research grants, and contracts. Section  
1868(b) of the Act provides that the  
Council meet quarterly to discuss  
certain proposed changes in regulations  
and manual issuances that relate to  
physicians' services, as identified by the  
Secretary. Council members are  
expected to participate in all meetings.  
Section 1868(c) of the Act provides for  
payment of expenses and a per diem  
allowance for Council members at a rate  
equal to payment provided members of  
other advisory committees. In addition  
to making these payments, the  
Department of Health and Human  
Services/Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services provides  
management and support services to the  
Council. The Secretary will appoint new  
members to the Council from among  
those candidates determined to have the  
expertise required to meet specific  
agency needs and in a manner to ensure  
appropriate balance of the Council's  
membership.

**Authority:** (Section 1868 of the Social  
Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section  
10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2,  
sections 10(a) and 14)

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

Dated: December 8, 2003.

**Thomas A. Scully,**

*Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

#### SES Performance Review Board

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the CMS Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 8, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Donna Mueller, Executive Resources Management Team, Office of Operations Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, C2-12-16, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-5554.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4314(c) (1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The purpose of the board is to provide fair and impartial review of the initial appraisal prepared by the senior executive's immediate supervisor; to make recommendations to the appointing authority regarding the performance of the senior executive; and to make recommendations for monetary performance awards. Composition of the specific PRB will be determined on an ad hoc basis from among the individuals listed below:

Gale Arden, Director, Private Health Insurance Group

Gary Bailey, Deputy Director for Health Plans, Center for Beneficiary Choices

Dara Bendavid, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Management

Judith Berek, Senior Advisor on National Policy Implementation

Charlene Brown, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

Gregory Carson, Director, Medicare Contractor Management

Rose Crum-Johnson, Atlanta Regional Administrator

James R. Farris, Dallas Regional Administrator

Jeffrey Flick, San Francisco Regional Administrator

Robert Foreman, Director, Office of Legislation

Richard Foster, Chief Actuary/Director Office of the Actuary

Wallace Fung, Deputy Director (Technology)

Jacqueline Garner, Chicago Regional Administrator

Thomas L. Grissom, Director, Center for Medicare Management

Thomas Gustafson, Deputy Director, Center for Medicare Management

Stuart Guterman, Director, Office of Research, Development and Information

Thomas Hamilton, Director, Office of Survey and Certification

Timothy B. Hill, Director, Office of Financial Management

Gary Kavanagh, Director, Business Systems Operations Group

Carmen Keller, Director, Office of Medicare Adjudication

James Kerr, New York Regional Administrator

Thomas Kickham, Director, Partnership and Promotion Group

Mary Lauren, Director, Beneficiary Information Services Group

Timothy Love, Director, Office of Information Services

Sonia A. Madison, Philadelphia Regional Administrator

Gail McGrath, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices

Michael McMullan, Deputy Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices

Regina McPhillips, Director, Beneficiary Education and Analysis Group

Solomon Mussey, Director, Office of Medicare and Medicaid Cost Estimates Group

Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Deputy Administrator, Chair

Elizabeth Richter, Director, Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group

Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Program Group

Dennis Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

Robert A. Streimer, Deputy Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality

Stewart Streimer, Director, Provider Billing Group

Dallas Sweezy, Director, Public Affairs Office

Deborah Taylor, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Management

Joe Tilghman, Kansas City Regional Administrator

Alexander Trujillo, Denver Regional Administrator

Sean Tunis, Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality

Jacqueline White, Director, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Laurence Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group

Charlotte Yeh, Boston, Regional Administrator

Dated: December 2, 2003.

**Leslie V. Norwalk,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003D-0554]

#### Compliance Policy Guide Sec. 110.310—"Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002"; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a Compliance Policy Guide (CPG) Sec. 110.310 entitled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002." The CPG provides written guidance to FDA's and Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) staff on enforcement of section 307 of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Act) and the agency's implementing regulations, which require, beginning on December 12, 2003, prior notice for all food imported or offered for import into the United States.

**DATES:** This guidance is final upon the date of publication. However, you may submit written or electronic comments at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance to the Division of Compliance Policy (HFC-230), Office of Enforcement, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request or include a fax number to which the guidance may be sent.

Submit written comments on the guidance to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section