

Instead, the estimated total annual burden is 2,492 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Second Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups—August 5–7, 2009

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), this notice announces the second semi-annual meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups (the Panel) for 2009. The purpose of the Panel is to review the APC groups and their associated weights and to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (the Administrator) concerning the clinical integrity of the APC groups and their associated weights. We will consider the Panel's advice as we address comments and complete the final rule that updates the hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for CY 2010.

DATES: *Meeting Dates:* We are scheduling the second semi-annual meeting in 2009 for the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (e.s.t.)¹
- Thursday, August 6, 2009, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (e.s.t.)¹
- Friday, August 7, 2009, 8 a.m. to 12 noon (e.s.t.)²

Deadlines:

¹ The times listed in this notice are approximate times; consequently, the meetings may last longer than listed in this notice—but will not begin before the posted times.

² If the business of the Panel concludes on Thursday, August 6, 2009, there will be no Friday (August 7, 2009) meeting.

Deadline for Hardcopy Comments/Suggested Agenda Topics—5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Deadline for Hardcopy Presentations—5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Deadline for Attendance Registration—5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Deadline for Special Accommodations—5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Submission of Materials to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept written comments and presentations by FAX, nor can we print written comments and presentations received electronically for dissemination at the meeting.

Only hardcopy comments and presentations can be reproduced for public dissemination. All hardcopy presentations *must be accompanied by Form CMS-20017 (revised 01/07)*. The form is now available through the CMS Forms Web site. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for linking to this form is as follows: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/cmsforms/downloads/cms20017.pdf>.

Presenters must use the most recent copy of CMS-20017 (updated 01/07) at the above URL. Additionally, presenters must *clearly* explain the action(s) that they are requesting CMS to take in the appropriate section of the form. They must also clarify their relationship to the organization that they represent in the presentation.

Note: Issues that are vague, or that are outside the scope of the APC Panel's purpose, will not be considered for presentations and comments. There will be no exceptions to this rule. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

We are also requiring electronic versions of the written comments and presentations, in addition to the hardcopies.

In summary, presenters and/or commenters must do the following:

- Send both electronic and hardcopy versions of their presentations and written comments by the prescribed deadlines.
- Send electronic transmissions—preferably in PowerPoint presentation format—to the e-mail address below.
- Do not send pictures of patients in any of the documents unless their faces have been blocked out.
- Do not send documents electronically that have been archived.
- Mail (or send by courier) to the DFO all hardcopies, accompanied by Form CMS-20017 (revised 01/07), if they are presenting, as specified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

• Commenters are *not* required to send Form CMS-20017 with their written comments.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium, CMS Central Office, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact: Shirl Ackerman-Ross, DFO, CMS, CMM, HAPG, DOC, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-05-17, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850. *Phone:* (410) 786-4474.

Note: We recommend that you advise couriers of the following information: When delivering hardcopies of presentations to CMS, if no one answers at the above phone number, please call (410) 786-4532 or (410) 786-9316.

E-mail addresses for comments, presentations, and registration requests are CMSAPCPanel@cms.hhs.gov, or SAckermanross@cms.hhs.gov.

Note: There is NO underscore in the APC Panel e-mail address; there is a SPACE between CMS and APCPanel.

News media representatives must contact our Public Affairs Office at (202) 690-6145.

Advisory Committees' Information Lines: The phone numbers for the CMS Federal Advisory Committee Hotline are 1-877-449-5659 (toll free) and (410) 786-9379 (local).

Web Sites: The following information is available on the CMS Web site at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/05_AdvisoryPanelonAmbulatoryPaymentClassificationGroups.asp#TopOfPage in order to obtain the following information:

Note: There is an UNDERSCORE after FACA/05 (like this _); there is no space.

• Additional information on the APC meeting agenda topics,

- Updates to the Panel's activities,
- Copies of the current Charter, and
- Membership requirements.

You may also search information about the APC Panel and its membership in the FACA database at the following URL: <https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary is required by section 1833(t)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to consult with an expert, outside advisory panel on the clinical integrity of the Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) groups and weights established under the Medicare hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

The APC Panel meets up to three times annually. The Charter requires

that the Panel must be fairly balanced in its membership in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. The Panel consists of up to 15 members who are representatives of providers and a Chair.

Each Panel member must be employed full-time by a hospital, hospital system, or other Medicare provider subject to payment under the OPPTS. The Secretary or Administrator selects the Panel membership based upon either self-nominations or nominations submitted by Medicare providers and other interested organizations.

All members must have technical expertise to enable them to participate fully in the Panel's work. The expertise encompasses hospital payment systems; hospital medical care delivery systems; provider billing systems; APC groups; Current Procedural Terminology codes; and alpha-numeric Health Care Common Procedure Coding System codes; and the use of, and payment for, drugs, medical devices, and other services in the outpatient setting, as well as other forms of relevant expertise. Details regarding membership requirements for the APC Panel are found on the CMS and FACA Web sites as listed above.

The Panel presently consists of the following members:

- E. L. Hambrick, M.D., J.D., Chair, a CMS Medical Officer.
- Goryanne Bryant, B.S., RHIA, RHIT, CCS.
- Patrick A. Grusenmeyer, Sc.D., FACHE.
- Kathleen Graham, R.N., MSHA, CPHQ, ACM.
- Judith T. Kelly, B.S.H.A., RHIT, RHIA, CCS.
- Michael D. Mills, Ph.D.
- Thomas M. Munger, M.D., FACC.
- Agatha L. Nolen, D.Ph., M.S.
- Randall A. Oyer, M.D.
- Beverly Khnie Philip, M.D.
- Russ Ranallo, M.S., B.S.
- James V. Rawson, M.D.
- Michael A. Ross, M.D., FACEP.
- Patricia Spencer-Cisek, M.S., APRN-BC, AOCN®.
- Kim Allen Williams, M.D., FACC, FABC.
- Robert M. Zwolak, M.D., Ph.D., FACS.

II. Agenda

The agenda for the August 2009 meeting will provide for discussion and comment on the following topics as designated in the Panel's Charter:

- Addressing whether procedures within an APC group are similar both clinically and in terms of resource use.
- Evaluating APC group weights.

- Reviewing the packaging of OPPTS services and costs, including the methodology and the impact on APC groups and payment.

- Removing procedures from the inpatient list for payment under the OPPTS.

- Using single and multiple procedure claims data for CMS' determination of APC group weights.

- Addressing other technical issues concerning APC group structure.

Note: The subject matter before the Panel will be limited to these and related topics. Issues related to calculation of the OPPTS conversion factor, charge compression, pass-through payments, or wage adjustments are not within the scope of the Panel's purpose. Therefore, these issues will not be considered for presentations and/or comments. There will be no exceptions to this rule. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

The Panel may use data collected or developed by entities and organizations, other than DHHS and CMS, in conducting its review. We recommend that organizations submit data for the Panel's and CMS staff's review.

III. Written Comments and Suggested Agenda Topics

Send hardcopy and electronic written comments and suggested agenda topics to the DFO at the address indicated above. The DFO must receive these items by 5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 22, 2009. There will be no exceptions. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

The written comments and suggested agenda topics submitted for the August 2009 APC Panel meeting must fall within the subject categories outlined in the Panel's Charter and as listed in the Agenda section of this notice.

IV. Oral Presentations

Individuals or organizations wishing to make 5-minute oral presentations must submit hardcopy and electronic versions of their presentations to the DFO by 5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 22, 2009, for consideration.

Concise PowerPoint presentations, not lengthy written statements, are easier for the Panel and audience to follow.

The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. Oral presentations should not exceed 5 minutes in length for an individual or an organization.

The Chair may further limit time allowed for presentations due to the number of oral presentations, if necessary.

V. Presenter and Presentation Information

All presenters must submit Form CMS-20017 (revised 01/07). Hardcopies are required for oral presentations; however, electronic submissions of Form CMS-20017 are optional. The DFO must receive the following information from those wishing to make oral presentations:

- Form CMS-20017 completed with all pertinent information identified on the first page of the presentation,
- One hardcopy of presentation,
- Electronic copy of presentation, and
- Personal registration information as described in the Meeting Attendance section below.

(Those persons wishing to submit comments only must send hardcopy and electronic versions of their comments, but they are *not* required to submit Form CMS-20017.)

VI. Oral Comments

In addition to formal oral presentations, there will be opportunity during the meeting for public oral comments, which will be limited to 1 minute for each individual and a total of 3 minutes per organization.

VII. Meeting Attendance

The meeting is open to the public; however, attendance is limited to space available. Attendance will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis.

Persons wishing to attend this meeting, which is located on Federal property, must e-mail the DFO to register in advance no later than 5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 29, 2009. A confirmation will be sent to the requester(s) via return e-mail.

The following personal information must be e-mailed to the DFO by the date and time above:

- Name(s) of attendee(s),
- Title(s),
- Organization,
- E-mail addresses of all attendees, and
- Telephone number(s).

VIII. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

The following are the security, building, and parking guidelines:

- Persons attending the meeting including presenters must be registered and on the attendance list by the prescribed date.
- Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the meeting.
- Attendees must present U.S. Federal Government or State

photographic identification (preferably a valid driver's license or passport) to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel before entering the building.

- CMS is a tobacco-free campus; violators are subject to legal action.
- Security measures include inspection of vehicles, inside and out, at the entrance to the grounds.
- In addition, all persons entering the building must pass through a metal detector.
- All items brought into CMS including personal items, for example laptops, cell phones, and palm pilots, are subject to physical inspection.
- The public may enter the building 30 to 45 minutes before the meeting convenes each day.
- All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower and first-floor levels in the Central Building.
- The main-entrance guards will issue parking permits and instructions upon arrival at the building.
- At CMS, security is a primary concern and is taken very seriously. These security issues are for your and our protection.

IX. Special Accommodations

Individuals requiring sign-language interpretation or other special accommodations must send a request for these services to the DFO by 5 p.m. (e.s.t.), Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

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

Dated: June 11, 2009.

Charlene Frizzera,

Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel; Hormonal signals that regulate ovarian differentiation.

Date: July 30, 2009.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 5B01, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Dennis E. Leszczynski, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Scientific Review, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, 6100 Executive Blvd., Rm. 5b01, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-6884, leszczynski@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 29, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

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

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant

applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel. Ancillary Studies in Clinical Trials.

Date: July 22, 2009.

Time: 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Chang Sook Kim, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7190, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-0287. carolko@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel. Short-Term Research Training (T35's).

Date: July 23, 2009.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Chang Sook Kim, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7190, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301-435-0287. carolko@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel. Institutional National Research Service Award (T32).

Date: July 27, 2009.

Time: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Roy L White, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch/DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7176, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924. 301-435-0310. whiterl@nhlbi.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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