

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 Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel, ARRA STRB FEB MTG.

*Date:* February 16–19, 2010.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Barbara J. Nelson, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Office of Review, National Center for Research Resources, 6701 Democracy Blvd. Room 1080, 1 Democracy Plaza, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0806, [nelsonbj@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nelsonbj@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* February 17–18, 2010.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To provide concept review of proposed grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Mohan Viswanathan, PhD, Deputy Director, Office of Review, National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Dem. 1, Room 1084, MSC 4874, Bethesda, MD 20892–4874, 301–435–0829, [mv10f@nih.gov](mailto:mv10f@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Center for Research Resources Initial Review Group, Comparative Medicine Review Committee.

*Date:* February 18, 2010.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

*Contact Person:* Bonnie B. Dunn, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, National Center for Research Resources, or National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd., 1 Democracy Plaza, Room 1074, MSC 4874, Bethesda, MD 20892–4874, 301–435–0824, [dunnbo@mail.nih.gov](mailto:dunnbo@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* February 23–24, 2010.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Guo Zhang, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, National Center for Research Resources, or National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd., 1 Democracy Plaza, Room 1064, MSC 4874, Bethesda, MD 20892–4874, 301–435–0812, [zhanggu@mail.nih.gov](mailto:zhanggu@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research; 93.371, Biomedical Technology; 93.389, Research Infrastructure; 93.306, 93.333; 93.702, ARRA Related Construction Awards, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 15, 2010.

**Jennifer Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–7017–N2]

#### Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education; Cancellation of the February 3, 2010 Meeting and Announcement of the March 31, 2010 Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the cancellation of the meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) that was published in the December 18, 2009 **Federal Register** (74 FR 67240–67241). This notice also announces a public meeting on March 31, 2010. 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:** *Meeting Date:* Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., eastern daylight time (e.d.t.).

*Deadline for Meeting Registration, Presentations and Comments:* Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 5 p.m., e.d.t.

*Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations:* Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 5 p.m., e.d.t.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* Hilton Washington Hotel Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 265–6800.

*Meeting Registration, Presentations, and Written Comments:* Cindy Falconi, Acting Designated Federal Official, Division of Forum and Conference Development, Office of External Affairs,

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mailstop S1–13–05, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850 or contact Ms. Falconi via e-mail at [Cindy.Falconi@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cindy.Falconi@cms.hhs.gov).

**Registration:** The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Persons wishing to attend this meeting must register by contacting the Acting Designated Federal Official at the address listed in the “ADDRESSES” section of this notice or by telephone at the number listed in the “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT” section of this notice by the date listed in the “DATES” section of this notice.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Falconi, 410–786–6452. 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/04\\_APME.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/04_APME.asp)) for additional information and updates on committee activities. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690–6145.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish an advisory panel if the Secretary determines that the panel is “in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed \* \* \* by law.” Such duties are imposed by section 1804 of the Social Security Act (the Act), requiring the Secretary to provide informational materials to Medicare beneficiaries about the Medicare program, and section 1851(d) of the Act, requiring the Secretary to provide for “activities \* \* \* to broadly disseminate information to [Medicare beneficiaries \* \* \* on the coverage options provided under [Medicare Advantage] in order to promote an active, informed selection among such options.”

The Panel is also authorized by section 1114(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1311(f)) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a). The Secretary signed the charter establishing this Panel on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7899, February 17, 1999) and approved the renewal of the charter on January 21, 2009 (74 FR 13442, March 27, 2009). 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 provide recommendations on the development and implementation of a national Medicare education program that describes benefit options under Medicare.

- To enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer.

- To make recommendations on how 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 benefit options and build a community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

The current members of the Panel are:

Gwendolyn T. Bronson, SHINE/SHIP Counselor, Massachusetts SHINE Program; Dr. Yanira Cruz, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Hispanic Council on Aging; Stephen L. Fera, Vice President, Social Mission Programs, Independence Blue Cross; Clayton Fong, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging; Nan Kirsten-Forté, Executive Vice President, Consumer Services, WebMD; Richard Frank, M.D., Director Cancer Research, Whittingham Cancer Center at Norwalk Hospital; Dr. Carmen R. Green, Director, Pain Research Division, Associate Professor, Anesthesiology, University of Michigan Health System; Dr. Jessie C. Gruman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Center for the Advancement of Health; Cindy Hounsell, J.D., President, Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement; Kathy Hughes, Vice Chairwoman, Oneida Nation; Gail Hunt, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Caregiving; Deeanna Jang, Policy Director, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum; Warren Jones, M.D., Executive Director, Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health; Dr. Andrew M. Kramer, Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado, Denver; John Lui, Ph.D., Executive Director, Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute; Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer, National Area Agencies on Aging; David Roberts, M.P.A., Vice President, Government Relations, Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society; Julie Bodén Schmidt, Associate Vice President, Training and Technical Assistance Department, National Association of Community Health Centers; Rebecca Snead, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations; Donna Yee, Ph.D., Chief

Executive Officer, Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley.

The agenda for the March 31, 2010 meeting will include the following:

- Recap of the previous (October 20, 2009) meeting.
- Subgroup Committee Work Summary.
- Medicare Outreach and Education 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 the Acting Designated Federal Official at the address listed in the "ADDRESSES" section of this notice by the date listed in the "DATES" section of this notice. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available.

Individuals not wishing to make a presentation may submit written comments to the Acting Designated Federal Official at the address listed in the "ADDRESSES" section of this notice by the date listed in the "DATES" section of this notice.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation or other special accommodations should contact the Acting Designated Federal Official at the address listed in the "ADDRESSES" section of this notice by the date listed in the "DATES" section of this notice.

**Authority:** Sec. 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a) and sec. 10(a) of Public Law 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: January 20, 2010.

**Charlene Frizzera,**

*Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1566-N]

### Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, March 8, 2010

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a quarterly meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council). The Council will meet to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** *Meeting Date:* Monday, March 8, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., eastern standard time (e.s.t.).

*Deadline for Registration without Oral Presentation:* Thursday, March 4, 2010, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Registration of Oral Presentations:* Friday, February 19, 2010, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Submission of Oral Remarks and Written Comments:* Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations:* Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 12 noon, e.s.t.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room, at the CMS Single Site campus, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

*Submission of Testimony:* Testimonies should be mailed to Kelly Buchanan, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail stop C4-13-07, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, or contact the DFO via e-mail at [PPAC\\_hhs@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PPAC_hhs@cms.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Buchanan, DFO, (410) 786-6132, or e-mail [PPAC\\_hhs@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PPAC_hhs@cms.hhs.gov). News media representatives must contact the CMS Press Office, (202) 690-6145. 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/home/regsguidance.asp> for additional information and updates on committee activities.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the quarterly meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council). The Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain