in their area(s) of expertise, but it is not necessary that any member be an expert in all of the areas listed above. For purposes of this Panel, consultants, independent contractors, and individuals in private practice are not considered as being full-time employees of hospitals, hospital systems, or other Medicare providers that are paid under the Medicare hospital OPPS. Panel members serve up to 4-year terms. A member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor has been sworn in. All terms are contingent upon the renewal of the Panel's Charter by appropriate action before its termination. The Secretary re-chartered the APC Panel effective November 21, 2006.

II. Announcement of New Members

The Panel may consist of a Chair and up to 15 Panel members who serve without compensation, according to an advance written agreement. Travel, meals, lodging, and related expenses for the meeting are reimbursed in accordance with standard Government travel regulations. We have a special interest in ensuring that women, minorities, representatives from various geographical locations, and the physically challenged are adequately represented on the Panel.

The Secretary, or his designee, appoints new members to the Panel from among those candidates determined to have the required expertise. New appointments are made in a manner that ensures a balanced membership.

The Panel presently consists of the following 15 members and a Chair: (The asterisk [*] indicates a Panel member whose term expires on 06/30/2008, and the double asterisk [**] indicates Panel members whose terms expire on 09/30/2008.)

- Edith Hambrick, M.D., J.D., Chair
- Gloryanne Bryant, B.S., R.H.I.A., R.H.I.T., C.C.S.
- Patrick Grusenmeyer, Sc.D., M.P.A., F.A.C.H.
- Hazel Kimmel, R.N., C.C.S., C.P.C.*
- Michael D. Mills, Ph.D., M.S.P.H.
- Thomas M. Munger, M.D., F.A.C.C.
- Agatha L. Nolen, D.Ph., M.S.
- Beverly Khnie Philip, M.D.
- Louis Potters, M.D., F.A.C.R.**
- Russ Ranallo, M.S.
- James V. Rawson, M.D.
- Michael A. Ross, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.
- Judie S. Snipes, R.N., M.B.A., F.A.C.H.E.**
- Patricia Spencer-Cisek, M.S., A.P.R.N.–BC, A.O.C.N.®
- Kim Allan Williams, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.B.C.
- Robert Matthew Zwolak, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.S.

On February 22, 2008, we published the notice titled ''Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups'' (CMS–1395–N) in the **Federal Register** (FR) requesting nominations to the Panel replacing Panel members whose terms would expire prior to or on September 30, 2008. As a result of that FR notice, we are announcing three new members to the Panel. One new 4-year appointment commences on August 1, 2008, and two new 4-year appointments commence on October 1, 2008, as indicated below:

New panel members	Terms
• Kathleen M. Graham, RN, MSHA, CPHQ	08/01/2008–07/31/2012
• Randall A. Oyer, MD	10/01/2008–09/30/2012
• Judith T. Kelly, BSHA, RHIT, RHIA, CCS	10/01/2008–09/30/2012

Note: Ms. Graham replaces Ms. Kimmel whose term expires 06/30/2008 when she retires. Dr. Oyer will replace Dr. Potters, and Ms. Kelly will replace Ms. Snipes. Ms. Snipes' and Dr. Potters' terms expire on 09/30/2008.

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

Dated: July 9, 2008.

Kerry Weems,

Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–1558–N]

Medicare Program; Request for Nominations and Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, August 18, 2008

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice invites all organizations representing physicians to submit nominations for consideration to fill two seats on the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) that will be vacated by current Council members in 2009. This notice also announces a quarterly meeting of 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 (the Secretary). This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: *Meeting Date:* Monday, August 18, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.d.t.

Deadline for Registration Without Oral Presentation: Thursday, August 14, 2008, 12 noon, e.d.t.

Deadline for Registration of Oral Presentations: Friday, August 1, 2008, 12 noon, e.d.t.

Deadline for Submission of Oral Remarks and Written Comments: Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 12 noon, e.d.t.

Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations: Monday, August 11, 2008, 12 noon, e.d.t.

Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Friday, September 12, 2008, 5 p.m. e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting Location:* The meeting will be held in the Multi-purpose Room, 1st floor, at the CMS Central Office, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 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*.

Submission of Nominations: Mail or deliver nominations to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Medicare Management, Division of Provider Relations and Evaluations, Attention: Kelly Buchanan, Designated Federal Official, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4–13–07, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Buchanan, DFO, (410) 786–6132, or e-mail *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 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 proposed changes in regulations and manual instructions related to physician services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the Council's consultation must occur before **Federal Register** 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 (CMS) not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, including the Chair. 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 as 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.

Section 1868(a)(2) of the Act provides that the Council meet quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and manual issuances that relate to physicians' services, identified by the Secretary. Section 1868(a)(3) of the Act provides for payment of expenses and per diem for Council members in the same manner as members of other advisory committees appointed by the Secretary. In addition to making these payments, the Department of Health and Human Services and CMS provide 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 in a manner to ensure appropriate balance of the Council's membership.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992. The current members are: Vincent J. Bufalino, M.D., Chairperson; M. Leroy Sprang, M.D.; Karen S. Williams, M.D.; Joseph A. Giaimo, D.O.; Jonathan E. Siff, M.D., MBA; John E. Arradondo, M.D., MPH; Fredrica E. Smith, M.D.; Pamela A. Howard, M.D.; Tye J. Ouzounian, M.D.; Christopher J. Standaert, M.D.; Arthur D. Snow, Jr., M.D.; Gregory J. Przybylski, M.D.; Jeffrey A. Ross, DPM, M.D.; Roger L. Jordan, O.D.; and Janice A. Kirsch, M.D.

II. Nomination Requirements

Nominations must be submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. Nominees must have submitted at least 250 claims for physician services under the Medicare program in the previous year. Each nomination must state that the nominee has expressed a willingness to serve as a Council member and must be accompanied by a short resume or description of the nominee's experience. All candidates are advised to consider the time commitment of 1 full-day meeting, quarterly. If a candidate's current responsibilities preclude this level of commitment, we urge the individual to reconsider his or her nomination.

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. Consideration will be given to each nominee with regard to his or her leadership credentials, geographic and demographic factors, and projected PPAC needs. Final selections will incorporate these criteria to maintain a committee membership that is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Selections will be made by February 2009 with new members sworn in during the May 2009 meeting.

Nominations to fill vacancies on the Council will be considered if received at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of the notice, no later than the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. All nominating organizations will be notified in writing of those candidates selected for committee membership.

III. Meeting Format and Agenda

The meeting will commence with the Council's Executive Director providing a status report, and the CMS responses to the recommendations made by the Council at the May 19, 2008 meeting, as well as prior meeting recommendations. Additionally, an update will be provided on the Physician Regulatory Issues Team. In accordance with the Council charter, we are requesting assistance with the following agenda topics:

- Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule
- Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Update
- Demonstration Projects
- DME Update
- Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Proposed Rules
- Medicare Contractor Provider Satisfaction Survey (MCPSS)

For additional information and clarification on these topics, contact the DFO as provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Individual physicians or medical organizations that represent physicians wishing to present a 5-minute oral testimony on agenda issues must register with the DFO by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Testimony is limited to agenda topics only. The number of oral testimonies may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the presenter's oral remarks must be submitted to the DFO for distribution to Council members for review before the meeting by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Physicians and medical organizations not scheduled to speak may also submit written comments to the DFO for distribution by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

IV. Meeting Registration and Security Information

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 DFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or by telephone at (410) 786–6132 by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice.

Since this meeting will be held in a Federal Government Building, the CMS Central Office, Federal security measures are applicable. In planning your arrival time, we recommend allowing additional time to clear security. To gain access to the building, participants will be required to show a government-issued photo identification (for example, driver's license, or passport), and must be listed on an approved security list before persons are permitted entrance. Persons not registered in advance will not be permitted into the CMS Central Office

and will not be permitted to attend the Council meeting.

All persons entering the building must pass through a metal detector. In addition, all items brought to the CMS Central Office, whether personal or for the purpose of presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for the purpose of presentation.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation or other special accommodation must contact the DFO via the contact information specified in the **FOR FUTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

Authority: Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Pub. L. 92–463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)).

Dated: July 8, 2008.

Kerry Weems,

Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Science Advisory Board (SAB) to the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR).

General Function of the Committee: The Board advises the Director, NCTR, in establishing, implementing and evaluating the research programs that assist the Commissioner of Food and Drugs in fulfilling his responsibilities. The Board provides an extra-agency review in ensuring that the research programs at NCTR are scientifically sound and pertinent.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on August 12, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on August 13, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: August 12, 2008, NCTR SAB Conference Room B–12, 3900 NCTR Dr., Jefferson, AR 72079. August 13, 2008, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Stevens Spine Center, Hamlin Board Room, 501 Jack Stevens Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205.

Contact Person: Margaret Miller, Designated Federal Official, National Center for Toxicological Research (HFT–10), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 9C–05, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–6693, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 301–451–2559. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting. A notice in the **Federal Register** about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should always check the agency's Web site and call the appropriate advisory committee hot line/phone line to learn about possible modifications before coming to the meeting.

Agenda: On August 12, 2008, the SAB will hear presentations from the NCTR Divisions that will update them on ongoing research activities. The SAB will be presented with the responses to two evaluations, one of the Division of Microbiology and one of the Division of Biochemical Toxicology. The evaluation of the Division of Microbiology was the product of an on-site review visit conducted of the Division in August 2007. The evaluation of the Division of Biochemical Toxicology was the product of an on-site review in April 2008. The responses will address the issues raised and recommendations made by the site visit teams. On August 13, 2008, the NCTR Director will provide a Center-wide update on scientific endeavors and will discuss the NCTR realignment and strategic focus.

FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA's Web site after the meeting. Background material is available at *http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm*, click on the year 2008 and scroll down to the appropriate advisory committee link.

Procedure: On August 12, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and August 13, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before August 5, 2008. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled on August 12, 2008, between approximately 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before August 1, 2008. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by August 4, 2008.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On August 13, 2008, from approximately 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6)). This portion of the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of issues related to personnel progress and promotion.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Margaret Miller at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

FDA is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our Web site at *http://www.fda.gov/oc/advisory/default.htm* for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: July 17, 2008.

Randall W. Lutter,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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