

wage index table in the September 1, 2006 **Federal Register**, entitled "Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2007."

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This correction notice is effective October 1, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri Deutsch, (410) 786-9462.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

In FR Doc. 06-7293, of September 1, 2006 (71 FR 52080) entitled, "Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2007," there were errors that we identified and corrected in a correction notice published October 3, 2006 (71 FR 58415). Based on further review of the September 1, 2006 notice, we are correcting an additional typographical error in section I.B of this notice. Accordingly, the correction is effective retroactive to October 1, 2006, the effective date of the September 1, 2006 notice.

*A. Summary of Errors*

In the September 1, 2006 notice, on page 52102, we published an Addendum that list the updated urban and rural wage index values for hospices utilizing the Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSA) designations. To ensure that hospice providers were able to identify their current wage index, the table contains the CBSA codes, CBSA county name, and CBSA wage index. However, we made a typographical error when we entered the wage index value for Kalamazoo-Portage, MI.

This correction notice is consistent with the published hospice wage index values used to make payment as of October 1, 2006. In section I.B. of this notice, we are correcting this error.

*B. Correction of Error*

In the September 1, 2006, **Federal Register** notice (71 FR 52080) on page 52102, in the third column, in line 5, for CBSA code 28020, the wage index value "1.0140" is corrected to read "1.1040."

*C. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delay in Effective Date*

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. section 553(b)). However, we can waive this notice and comment procedure if the Secretary finds that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and

incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

The revision contained in this document merely corrects a typographical error in the addendum for Table A. This correction is necessary to ensure that the notice accurately reflects the correct hospice wage index value. Since it is not substantive, but merely technical, we find that public comments on this revision are unnecessary. Therefore, we find good cause to waive notice and comment procedures.

In addition, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) normally requires a 30-day delay in the effective date of a notice. Since this notice simply corrects a technical error to a notice that has previously gone through notice-and-comment rulemaking, we believe good cause also exists under the APA to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date and that a delay in the correction's effective date is also unnecessary.

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

Dated: January 18, 2007.

**Ashley Files Flory,**

*Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

[CMS-1386-N]

**Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, March 5, 2007**

**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 (the Secretary). This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** *Meeting Date:* Monday, March 5, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.s.t.

*Deadline for Registration without Oral Presentation:* Friday, March 2, 2007, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Registration of Oral Presentations:* Friday, February 16, 2007, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Submission of Oral Remarks and Written Comments:* Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations:* Monday, February 26, 2007, 12 noon, e.s.t.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* The meeting will be held in Room 705A, 7th floor, in the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Buchanan, the Designated Federal Official (DFO), (410) 786-6132, or e-mail [PPAC@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PPAC@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 physicians' 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; terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action before its termination.

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: Anthony Senagore, M.D., Chairperson; Jose Azocar, M.D.; M. Leroy Sprang, M.D.; Karen S. Williams, M.D.; Peter Grimm, D.O.; Carlos R. Hamilton, M.D.; Dennis K. Iglar, M.D.; Joe Johnson, D.C.; Vincent J. Bufalino, M.D.; Tye J. Ouzounian, M.D.; Geraldine O'Shea, D.O.; Laura B. Powers, M.D.; Gregory J. Przybylski, M.D.; Jeffrey A. Ross, DPM, M.D.; and Robert L. Urata, M.D.

## II. 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 December 4, 2006 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:

- National Provider Identification (NPI) Update
  - Transparency Initiative
  - Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) Update
  - Physician Quality and Cost Measures Update

- Hospital Conditions of Participation Update

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 make a 5-minute oral presentation 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 presentations 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.

## III. 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 Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Federal security measures are applicable. As noted above, in planning your arrival time, we recommend allowing additional time to clear security. In order 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 Hubert H. Humphrey Building 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 Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 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 FURTHER 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: January 18, 2007.

**Leslie V. Norwalk,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2007N-0018]

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products: Establishment Registration and Listing; Form Food and Drug Administration 3356; Eligibility Determination for Donors; and Current Good Tissue Practice**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements for FDA regulations related to human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products (HCT/PS) involving establishment registration and listing using Form FDA 3356; eligibility determination for donors; and current good tissue practice (CGTP).

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by March 27, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Division of Dockets