

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****Center for Scientific Review; 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Tumor Biomarkers.

Date: December 15, 2009.

Time: 1 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: Malaya Chatterjee, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6192, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-0131, chatterm@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Cell Biology.

Date: December 15, 2009.

Time: 12 p.m. to 5 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: Jonathan Arias, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5170, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-2406, ariasj@csr.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2011 Applications for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-on Payments and Informational Workshop on the Application Process and Criteria for New Medical Services and Technologies Add-on Payments

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a Town Hall meeting to discuss fiscal year (FY) 2011 applications for add-on payments for new medical services and technologies under the hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS). Interested parties are invited to this meeting to present their comments, recommendations, and data regarding whether the FY 2011 new medical services and technologies applications meet the substantial clinical improvement criterion.

Additionally, this notice announces an Informational Workshop for all interested parties on the application process and criteria for new medical services and technologies under the IPPS and on the outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) transitional pass-through payment for drugs, biologicals, and devices and new technology Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) assignment for new services application processes.

DATES: Meeting Date: The Town Hall meeting and the Informational Workshop announced in this notice will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. The Informational Workshop will begin at 9 a.m., and check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. eastern daylight time (e.d.t.). The Town Hall meeting will begin at 1 p.m. e.d.t. and check-in will begin at 12:30 p.m. e.d.t. Only one check-in is required to enter the building. Participants attending the Informational Workshop will be able to attend the Town Hall meeting without an additional check-in unless they exit the building. In this case, a participant will need to repeat the security procedures and check-in.

Deadline for Registration of Presenters of the Town Hall Meeting: All presenters for the Town Hall meeting, whether attending in person or by phone, must register and submit their agenda item(s) by January 26, 2010.

Deadline for Registration of All Other Participants for the Town Hall Meeting, Participants of the Informational Workshop, and Submitting Requests for Special Accommodations: All other participants for the Town Hall Meeting and participants of the Informational Workshop must register by February 2, 2010. Requests for special accommodations must be received no later than 5 p.m., e.d.t. on February 2, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Meeting Location: The Town Hall meeting and Informational Workshop will both be held in the main Auditorium in the central building of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Registration and Special Accommodations: Individuals wishing to participate in the meeting must register by following the on-line registration instructions located in section III. of this notice or by contacting staff listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Individuals who need special accommodations should contact staff listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Registration information and special accommodation requests may also be mailed to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Submission of Agenda Item(s) or Written Comments for the Town Hall Meeting: Each presenter must submit an agenda item(s) regarding whether a FY 2010 application meets the substantial clinical improvement criterion. Agenda items or written comments, questions, or other statements must not exceed three single-spaced typed pages and must be sent to: Division of Acute Care, New Technology Team, Mailstop C4-07-08, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, Attention: Michael Treitel.

Agenda items or written comments may also be sent via e-mail to newtech@cms.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Treitel, (410) 786-4552, michael.treitel@cms.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Sections 1886(d)(5)(K) and (L) of the Social Security Act (the Act) require the Secretary to establish a process of identifying and ensuring adequate payments to acute care hospitals for new medical services and technologies under Medicare. Effective for discharges beginning on or after October 1, 2001, section 1886(d)(5)(K)(i) of the Act