DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Full Committee Meeting.

Time and Date: June 16, 2010: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and June 17, 2010: 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Place: Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics. On the morning of the first day the Committee will hear updates from the Department, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, ONC, and the plans for the NCVHS 60th Anniversary Symposium. In the afternoon there will be Subcommittee breakout sessions.

On the morning of the second day the Committee will be briefed on the Community Data Initiative. There will also be a discussion of Committee plans for September 2010 and future meetings. Upon the adjournment of the full meeting, the Committee will convene at the National Academy of Science Keck Center for the NCVHS 60th Anniversary Symposium.

The times shown above are for the full Committee meeting. Subcommittee breakout sessions are scheduled for late in the afternoon of the first day. Agendas for these breakout sessions will be posted on the NCVHS Web site (URL below) when available.

Contact Person for More Information:
Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458–4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/, where further information including an agenda will be posted when available.

Should you require reasonable accommodation, please contact the CDC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on (301) 458–4EEO (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: May 28, 2010.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the Agency's function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; Title of Information Collection: Part C and D Complaints Resolution Performance Measures: Use: Part C Sponsors provide medical coverage through at-risk arrangements with CMS. Part C Sponsors include: Local Coordinated Care Plans which include health maintenance organizations (HMOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), and provider sponsored organizations (PSO) plans; Private fee-for-service plans (PFFS); Special needs plans (SNPs); Medical savings account (MSAs); and Regional PPOs. Part D Sponsors provide prescription drug benefit coverage through private at-risk prescription drug plans that offer drugonly coverage Prescription Drug Plans, or through Medicare Advantage (MA) plans that offer integrated prescription drug and health care coverage (MA-PD plans).

Due to Executive Order 13410,
"Promoting Quality and Efficient Health
Care in Federal Government
Administered or Sponsored Health Care
Programs," performance measurement
ratings for Medicare Parts C & D can be
found on Medicare Options Compare
and the Medicare Prescription Drug

Plan Finder (MPDPF), providing rating information for beneficiary use with plans being assigned a performance-based star rating. These ratings are provided to help beneficiaries make informed choices among the many plan alternatives available to them under Medicare Parts C and D.

The purpose of the project is to develop and support implementation of a performance measure for the Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Prescription Drug (Part D) programs that represents plan resolution of beneficiary complaints from the beneficiary perspective. The project includes development of methodologies for: (1) Identifying a statistically valid sample of beneficiary complaints needed to analyze the complaint's closure; (2) contacting, interviewing, and summarizing beneficiary experience; and, (3) summarizing/analyzing the resultant data to assess accuracy of the resolution of beneficiary complaints from the perspective of the beneficiaries via objective exploration of the beneficiary's complaint resolution experience. For a summary of changes, refer to the Part C and D Complaints Resolution Performance Measures Summary of Revisions document. Form Number: CMS-10308 (OMB#: 0938-New); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Individuals and households; Number of Respondents: 5,300; Total Annual Responses: 5,300; Total Annual Hours: 884. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Rachel Schreiber at 410-786-8657. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web Site address at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995, or Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on July 6, 2010.

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.