

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality****Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Healthcare Research and Quality Subcommittee on Quality Measures for Children's Healthcare**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Healthcare Research and Quality Subcommittee on Quality Measures for Children's Healthcare.

**DATES:** The open meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

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If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Preyanka Makadia, no later than August 15, 2012.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Purpose**

The National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (NAC) was established in accordance with Section 9341 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 299c. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to AHRQ's conduct of its mission including providing guidance on (A) priorities for healthcare research, (B) the field of health care research including training needs and information dissemination on healthcare quality and (C) the role of the Agency in light of private sector activity and opportunities for public private partnerships. The Council is composed of members of the public, appointed by the Secretary, and Federal ex-officio members specified in the authorizing legislation.

**2. Background**

AHRQ's NAC has established a Subcommittee on Quality Measures for Children's Healthcare (SNAC). Section 401(a) of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), Public Law 111-3, amended the Social Security Act to enact section 1139A (42 U.S.C. 1320b-9a). Section 1139A(b) charged the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with improving pediatric health care quality measures. The Secretary of DHHS posted the initial core set of children's health care quality measures for public comment on December 29, 2009, in Volume 74, No. 248 of the **Federal Register** ([http://OIG.hhs.gov/authorities/docs/2010/fr\\_notice\\_12302009.pdf](http://OIG.hhs.gov/authorities/docs/2010/fr_notice_12302009.pdf)). The Subcommittee was created to provide advice to the NAC as AHRQ undertakes responsibilities to improve the initial core quality measure set and develop and test a portfolio of evidence-based, consensus pediatric quality measures for potential use by public and private programs. AHRQ is working closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in implementing these provisions, including public posting of improvements to the initial core quality measure set and other CHIPRA purposes (i.e., for use by public and private programs other than, or in addition to, Medicaid and CHIP). For more information about AHRQ's role in carrying out the quality provisions of CHIPRA, see <http://www.AHRQ.gov/CHIPRA>. A roster of the Subcommittee members is available at <http://www.AHRQ.gov/CHIPRA/QMSNACLIST12.htm>. The September 12, 2012 meeting will be held as a part of this effort.

The Secretary will post an improved and enhanced core set of health care quality measures for voluntary use by Medicaid and CHIP by Jan 1, 2013, and annually thereafter. On February 24, 2012, AHRQ solicited public nomination of children's health care quality measures for inclusion in the CHIPRA 2013 Improved Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures.

On September 12, 2012, the SNAC will assess measures submitted by the public in response to a solicitation posted on February 24, 2012 (CHIPRA **Federal Register** notice number 2012-4267) (<http://www.GPO.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-24/pdf/2012-4267.pdf>), as well as measures submitted by AHRQ-CMS Pediatric Quality Measures Program Centers of Excellence (see <http://www.AHRQ.gov/CHIPRA/PQMPFACT.htm> for details). AHRQ will solicit measures again in 2013 and 2014 and the SNAC will meet in September

of 2013 and 2014 to review these measures.

The agenda for the September 12, 2012 meeting will be available on the AHRQ Web site at <http://www.AHRQ.gov/CHIPRA> no later than September 5, 2012.

Dated: August 2, 2012.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**  
Director.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-7570 and send comments to Kimberly S. Lane, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Emergency Epidemic Investigations—Revision—(0920-0008)(expires 1/21/2013), Scientific Education and Professional Development Program Office (SEPDPO), Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (OSEL), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).