

who can represent these interests. Any interested organization or person may nominate one or more qualified persons.

Each nomination must include a letter stating that the nominee has expressed a willingness to serve as a Panel member and must be accompanied by a curricula vitae and a brief biographical summary of the nominee's experience.

While we are looking for experts in a number of fields, our most critical needs are for experts in aging, social media, tribal affairs, matters of labor and retirement, health economics research, behavioral health, health insurers and plans, direct patient care, racial/ethnic health/disparities, disability, quality, pharmacy, social work, rural health, CHIP, and state programs/Medicaid.

We are requesting that all curricula vitae include the following:

- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Title and current position
- Professional affiliation
- Home and business address
- Telephone and fax numbers
- Email address
- List of areas of expertise

Phone interviews of nominees may also be requested after review of the nominations.

In order to permit an evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest, potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts.

Members are invited to serve for 2-year terms, contingent upon the renewal of the APOE by appropriate action prior to its termination. A member may serve after the expiration of that member's term until a successor takes office. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

### III. Copies of the Charter

The Secretary's Charter for the APOE is available on the CMS Web site at: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE.html> or you may obtain a copy of the charter by submitting a request to the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

**Authority:** Sec. 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a) and sec. 10(a) of Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, sec. 10(a) and 41 CFR 102-3).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.733, Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: February 23, 2015.

**Marilyn Tavenner,**

*Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1636-N]

#### Medicare Program: Notice of Four Membership Appointments to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces four new membership appointments to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (the Panel). The four new appointments to the Panel will each serve a four-year period. The new members have terms that began on January 14, 2015 and continue through January 31, 2019. The purpose of the Panel is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services concerning the clinical integrity of the Ambulatory Payment Classification groups and their relative payment weights. The Panel also addresses and makes recommendations regarding supervision of hospital outpatient services. The advice provided by the Panel will be considered as we prepare the annual updates for the hospital outpatient prospective payment system.

**DATES:** March 30, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** *Web site:* For additional information on the Panel meeting dates, agenda topics, copy of the charter, and updates to the Panel's activities, we refer readers to our Web site at the following address: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/AdvisoryPanelonAmbulatoryPaymentClassificationGroups.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Designated Federal Official (DFO): Carol Schwartz, DFO, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop: C4-04-25, Woodlawn, MD 21244-1850. Phone: (410) 786-3985. Email: [APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Background

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is required by section 1833(t)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1395(t)(9)(A)) and is allowed by section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) (42 U.S.C. 217(a)) to consult with an expert outside advisory panel on the clinical integrity of the Ambulatory Payment Classification groups and relative payment weights, which are major elements of the Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), and the appropriate supervision level for hospital outpatient services. The Panel is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory panels. The Panel Charter provides that the Panel shall meet up to three times annually. We consider the technical advice provided by the Panel as we prepare the proposed and final rules to update the OPPS for the following calendar year.

The Panel shall consist of a chair and up to 15 members who are full-time employees of hospitals, hospital systems, or other Medicare providers. The Secretary or a designee selects the Panel membership based upon either self-nominations or nominations submitted by Medicare providers and other interested organizations. New appointments are made in a manner that ensures a balanced membership under the FACA guidelines.

The Panel presently consists of the following members and a Chair.

- Edith Hambrick, M.D., J.D., Chair, CMS Medical Officer
- Karen Borman, M.D., F.A.C.S.
- Jim Nelson, M.B.A., C.P.A., F.H.F.M.A.
- Leah Osbahr, M.A., M.P.H.
- Jacqueline Phillips
- Johnathan Pregler, M.D.
- Traci Rabine
- Michael Rabovsky, M.D.
- Wendy Resnick, F.H.F.M.A.
- Marianna V. Spanaki-Varelas, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.
- Gale Walker
- Kris Zimmer

## II. Provisions of the Notice

We published a notice in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2014, entitled "Medicare Program; Solicitation of Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (79 FR 56808). The notice solicited nominations for up to four new members to fill the vacancies on the

Panel beginning September 30, 2014. As a result of that notice, we are announcing four new members to the Panel. The Panel currently consists of 11 members. The four new Panel members appointments are for four-year terms beginning on January 14, 2015.

#### *New Appointments to the Panel*

The four new members of the Panel with terms beginning on January 14, 2015 and continuing through January 31, 2019 are as follows:

- Dawn L. Francis, M.D.
- Ruth Lande
- Michael K. Schroyer
- Norman B. Thomson III, M.D.

### **III. Collection of Information Requirements**

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35).

Dated: February 18, 2015.

**Marilyn Tavenner,**

*Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

[CMS-1465-N]

#### **Medicare Program; Public Meetings in Calendar Year 2015 for All New Public Requests for Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding and Payment Determinations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the dates, time, and location of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) public meetings to be held in calendar year 2015 to discuss our preliminary coding and payment determinations for all new public requests for revisions to the HCPCS. These meetings provide a forum for interested parties to make oral presentations or to submit written comments in response to preliminary coding and payment determinations. The discussion will be focused on

responses to our specific preliminary recommendations and will include all items on the public meeting agenda. (Please note that two of CMS' 2015 HCPCS public meetings have a late starting time.)

**DATES:** *Meeting Dates:* The following are the 2015 HCPCS public meeting dates:

1. Thursday, May 7, 2015, 12 p.m. (noon) to 5 p.m. eastern daylight time (e.d.t.) (Drugs/Biologicals/Radiopharmaceuticals/Radiologic Imaging Agents).
2. Friday, May 8, 2015, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern daylight time (e.d.t.) (Drugs/Biologicals/Radiopharmaceuticals/Radiologic Imaging Agents).
3. Thursday, May 21, 2015, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern daylight time (e.d.t.) (Supplies and Other).
4. Friday, May 22, 2015, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern daylight time (e.d.t.) (Supplies and Other).
5. Wednesday, May 27, 2015, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.d.t. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Accessories; and Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P).

*Deadlines for Primary Speaker Registration and Presentation Materials:* The deadline for registering to be a primary speaker and submitting materials and writings that will be used in support of an oral presentation are as follows:

- April 22, 2015 for the May 7, 2015 and May 8, 2015 public meetings.
- May 7, 2015 for the May 21, 2015 and May 22, 2015 public meetings.
- May 13, 2015 for the May 27, 2015 public meeting.

*Registration Deadline for Attendees That are Foreign Nationals:* Attendees that are foreign nationals (as described in section IV. of this notice) are required to identify themselves as such, and provide the necessary information for security clearance (as described in section IV. of this notice) to the public meeting coordinator at least 12 business days in advance of the date of the public meeting the individual plans to attend. Therefore, the registration deadlines for attendees that are foreign nationals are as follows:

- April 20, 2015 for the May 7, 2015 and May 8, 2015 public meetings.
- May 5, 2015 for the May 21, 2015 and May 22, 2015 public meetings.
- May 11, 2015 for the May 27, 2015 public meeting.

*Registration Deadlines for all Other Attendees:* All individuals who are not foreign nationals who plan to enter the building to attend the public meeting must register for each date that they plan on attending. The registration deadlines are different for each meeting. Registration deadlines are as follows:

- April 30, 2015 for the May 7, 2015 and May 8, 2015 public meetings.
- May 14, 2015 for the May 21, 2015 and May 22, 2015 public meeting dates.
- May 20, 2015 for the May 27, 2015 public meeting date.

*Deadlines for Requesting Special Accommodations:* Individuals who plan to attend the public meetings and require sign-language interpretation or other special assistance must request these services by the following deadlines:

- April 23, 2015 for the May 7, 2015 and May 8, 2015 public meetings.
- May 7, 2015 for the May 21, 2015 and May 22, 2015 public meetings.
- May 13, 2015 for the May 27, 2015 public meeting.

*Deadline for Submission of Written Comments:* Written comments and other documentation in response to a preliminary coding or payment determination that are received by no later than the date of the public meeting at which the code request is scheduled for discussion, will be considered in formulating a final coding decision.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting Location:* The public meetings will be held in the main auditorium of the central building of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

*Submission of Written Comments:* Written comments may either be emailed to [HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov) or sent via regular mail to Jennifer Carver, HCPCS Public Meeting Coordinator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C5-08-27, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

*Registration and Special Accommodations:* Individuals wishing to participate or who need special accommodations or both must register by completing the on-line registration located at [www.cms.hhs.gov/medhcpcsgeninfo](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medhcpcsgeninfo) or by contacting Jennifer Carver at (410) 786-6610 or [Jennifer.Carver@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Carver@cms.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Carver at (410)786-6610 or [Jennifer.Carver@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Carver@cms.hhs.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

On December 21, 2000, the Congress passed the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) (Pub. L. 106-554). Section 531(b) of BIPA mandated that we establish procedures that permit public consultation for coding and payment determinations for new durable medical equipment (DME)