

notifying the public about medical device “emerging signals.”

FDA is extending the comment period for the publication notification of “emerging signals” for 30 days, until March 29, 2016. The Agency believes that a 30-day extension allows adequate time for interested persons to submit comments.

II. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the draft guidance may do so by downloading an electronic copy from the Internet. A search capability for all Center for Devices and Radiological Health guidance documents is available at <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm>. Guidance documents are also available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Persons unable to download an electronic copy of “Public Notification of Emerging Postmarket Medical Device Signals (‘Emerging Signals’)” may send an email request to CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov to receive an electronic copy of the document. Please use the document number 1500027 to identify the guidance you are requesting.

Dated: January 21, 2016.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.18 of the Department of Health and Human Services’ claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest, which is determined and fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after considering private consumer rates of interest on the date that the Department of Health and Human Services becomes entitled to recovery. The rate cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury’s current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the “Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities” unless the Secretary waives interest in whole or part, or a different rate is prescribed by statute, contract, or repayment agreement. The Secretary of the Treasury may revise this rate quarterly. The Department of Health and Human Services publishes this rate in the **Federal Register**.

The current rate of 9¾%, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended December 31, 2015. This rate is based on the Interest Rates for Specific Legislation, “National Health Services Corps Scholarship Program (42 U.S.C. 254o(b)(1)(A))” and “National Research Service Award Program (42 U.S.C. 288(c)(4)(B)).” This interest rate will be applied to overdue debt until the Department of Health and Human Services publishes a revision.

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David C. Horn,

Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HHS-Operated Risk Adjustment Methodology Meeting; March 31, 2016

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the rescheduling of the March 25, 2016 meeting on the HHS-operated risk adjustment program, which is open to the public. The purpose of this stakeholder meeting is to solicit feedback on the HHS-operated risk adjustment methodology and to discuss potential improvements to the HHS risk adjustment methodology for the 2018 benefit year and beyond. This meeting, the “HHS-operated Risk Adjustment Methodology Conference,” will allow issuers, States, and other interested parties to discuss the contents of a White Paper to be published in advance of this meeting. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for participants to ask clarifying questions. The comments and information HHS obtains through this meeting may be used in future policy making for the HHS risk adjustment program.

DATES: *Date of Meeting:* March 31, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern daylight time (e.d.t.).

Deadline for Onsite Participation: March 23, 2016, 5:00 p.m., e.d.t.

Deadline for Webinar Meeting Participation: March 28, 2016, 5:00 p.m. e.d.t.

Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations: March 23, 2016, 5:00 p.m. e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the CMS Single Site campus, 7500

Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

Registration: Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, limited to two (2) participants per organization for the onsite location participation, and three (3) participants per organization for the webinar participation. Each individual can only register for either the onsite location participation or webinar participation. To change a registration option from onsite to webinar participation, the registrant must cancel the existing registration (onsite or webinar) before attempting to register for the other option.

Registration Instructions: To register to attend the meeting either onsite or through webinar participation, visit the Registration for Technical Assistance Portal (REGTAP) at www.REGTAP.info. If not already a REGTAP user, register as a new user, log in and go to “My Dashboard” and select “Training Events” to register for the onsite or webinar event for the HHS-operated Risk Adjustment Methodology Meeting. Registrants can only register to attend the meeting onsite at CMS or remotely by webinar.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, please send inquiries about the logistics of the meeting to registrar@REGTAP.info. Users should submit inquiries and comments pertaining to content covered during the meeting to www.REGTAP.info. To submit an inquiry in REGTAP, select “Submit an Inquiry” from “My Dashboard” then select “HHS-operated Risk Adjustment Methodology Meeting” from the Event Title dropdown menu and enter the question or comment. Users can submit their comments and upload attachments as needed. REGTAP will send the user an acknowledgement upon receipt of the comment.

The CCIIO’s Press Office at (202) 690-6145 will handle all press inquiries.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This notice announces a meeting on the HHS-operated risk adjustment program to discuss potential improvements to the HHS risk adjustment methodology for the 2018 benefit year and beyond. This meeting will focus on the permanent risk adjustment program under section 1343 of the Affordable Care Act when HHS is operating a risk adjustment program on behalf of a State (referred to as the HHS-operated risk adjustment program).

We are committed to stakeholder engagement in developing the detailed processes of the HHS-operated risk