

goals under section 2802(b) of the PHS Act (National Health Security Strategy).

The NACIDD will primarily, though not exclusively:

A. Monitor for and provide advice regarding emerging policy, scientific, technical, or operational issues and concerns related to medical and public health preparedness, response, and recovery in the event of a public health emergency declared by the Secretary of HHS;

B. Evaluate and provide advice on implementation of the preparedness goals described in the National Health Security Strategy as they apply to individuals with disabilities;

C. Monitor and make recommendations to improve HHS assistance to other Departments in planning for, responding to, and recovering from public health emergencies with respect to the effects on individuals with disabilities and their families;

D. Make recommendations to ensure that the contents of the Strategic National Stockpile take into account the unique needs of individuals with disabilities;

E. Make recommendations regarding curriculum development for public health and medical response training for medical management of casualties among individuals with disabilities;

F. Monitor and provide advice regarding novel and best practices of outreach to, and care of, individuals with disabilities before, during, and following public health emergencies;

G. Monitor and make recommendations to ensure that public health and medical information distributed by HHS during a public health emergency is delivered in a manner that takes into account the range of developmentally appropriate communication needs of individuals with disabilities and their families or guardians;

H. Provide advice for coordination of systems for situational awareness and biosurveillance that require incorporation of data and information from Federal, State, local, Tribal, and Territorial public health officials and relevant entities to identify health threats to individuals with disabilities and families.

I. Evaluate and provide inputs with respect to the medical, mental and behavioral, and public health needs of individuals with disabilities as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all-hazards emergencies;

J. Provide advice and consultation with respect to individuals with disabilities and State, Tribal, and

Territorial emergency preparedness and response activities, including related drills and exercises pursuant to the preparedness goals in the National Health Security Strategy.

*Structure:* Members shall be appointed by the HHS Secretary from among the nation's preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts in areas consistent with the purpose and functions of the advisory committee. The HHS Secretary, in consultation with such other heads of federal agencies as may be appropriate, shall appoint a maximum of 17 members to the NACIDD, ensuring that the total membership is an odd number.

The NACIDD shall consist of at least seven non-federal voting members, including a Chairperson, including:

(A) At least two non-federal health care professionals with expertise in disability accessibility before, during, and after disasters, medical and mass care disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery;

(B) At least two representatives from State, local, Tribal, or territorial agencies with expertise in disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery for individuals with disabilities; and

(C) At least two individuals with a disability with expertise in disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery for individuals with disabilities.

The NACIDD shall also have up to 10 federal, non-voting ex officio members including the following officials or their designees:

A. The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response;

B. The Administrator for the Administration for Community Living;

C. The Director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority;

D. The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

E. The Commissioner of Food and Drugs;

F. The Director of the National Institutes of Health;

G. The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

H. The Chair of the National Council on Disability;

I. The Chair of the United States Access Board;

J. The Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

A voting member of the NACIDD shall serve for a term of three years, except that the Secretary may adjust the terms of appointees who are initially appointed after the date of enacted of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation

Act of 2019 (June 24, 2019) in order to provide for a staggered term of appointment for all members. A voting member may serve not more than three terms on the NACIDD, and not more than two of such terms may be served consecutively. Voting members shall not be full-time or permanent part-time federal employees but shall be appointed by the Secretary as Special Government Employees (5 U.S.C. 3109). A member may serve after the expiration of his/her term until a successor has been appointed. Vacancies will be filled as members rotate out or resign using the same procedures as the initial selection process.

A quorum for the NACIDD shall consist of a majority of the appointed voting members. Of the voting members, any who are disqualified from participating in an action on a particular issue shall not count toward the quorum.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters: Establishment

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Secretary announces establishment of the National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters (NACSD or Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of HHS, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), to support and enhance all-hazards public health and medical preparedness, response activities, and recovery aimed at meeting the unique needs of seniors (older adults). The ASPR shall provide management and administrative oversight to support the activities of the Advisory Committee. The Office of the Secretary is accepting application submissions from qualified individuals who wish to be considered for membership on the NACSD. Up to seven new voting members with

expertise in senior medical disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery will be selected for the Committee. Please visit the NACSD website at [www.phe.gov/nacsd](http://www.phe.gov/nacsd) for all application submission information and instructions. Application submissions will be accepted for 30 calendar days from the date this posting is published in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** *Application Period:* The application submissions will be accepted for 30 calendar days from the date this posting is published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maxine Kellman, DVM, Ph.D., PMP, Designated Federal Official for National Advisory Committees, Washington, DC, Office (202) 260-0447 or email [maxine.kellman@hhs.gov](mailto:maxine.kellman@hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Public Health Service (PHS) Act and FACA, the HHS Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has established the National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters (NACSD). Section 2811B of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-10c), as amended, by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act (PAHPAIA), Public Law 116-22 requires that the HHS Secretary establish the NACSD to provide advice and consultation to the HHS Secretary with respect to the medical and public health needs of seniors in relation to disasters. The purpose of the NACSD is to provide findings, advice, and recommendation to the Secretary of HHS, in accordance with FACA, to support and enhance all-hazards public health and medical preparedness, response activities, and recovery aimed at meeting the unique needs of seniors. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response provides management and administrative oversight to support the activities of the NACSD.

*Description of Duties:* The NACSD: (1) Provide advice and consultation with respect to the activities carried out pursuant to section 2814 of the PHS Act, as applicable and appropriate; (2) evaluate and provide input with respect to the medical and public health needs of seniors related to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all-hazards emergencies; and (3) provide advice and consultation with respect to State emergency preparedness and response activities relating to seniors, including related drills and exercises pursuant to the preparedness goals under section 2802(b) of the PHS Act. The NACSD may provide advice and

recommendations to the Secretary with respect to seniors and the medical and public health grants and cooperative agreements as applicable to preparedness and response activities under Titles XXVIII and III of the PHS Act.

*Structure:* The Advisory Committee consists of not more than seven voting members, including the Chairperson. Members will be appointed by the HHS Secretary, in consultation with such other Secretaries as may be appropriate, from among the nation's preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts in areas consistent with the purpose and functions of the NACSD. Section 2811B of the PHS Act States:

(2) *Required Non-Federal Members.*—The Secretary, in consultation with such other heads of Federal agencies as may be appropriate, shall appoint to the Advisory Committee under paragraph (1) at least seven individuals, including—

(A) At least two non-federal health care professionals with expertise in geriatric medical disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery; and

(B) At least two representatives from State, local, Tribal, or territorial agencies with expertise in geriatric disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery.

The NACSD shall also have up to 10 federal, non-voting members (*ex officio*), including the following officials or their designees:

A. The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response;

B. The Director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority;

C. The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

D. The Commissioner of Food and Drugs;

E. The Director of the National Institutes of Health;

F. The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;

G. The Administrator of the Administration for Community Living;

H. The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

I. The Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

J. Representatives of such other Federal agencies as the Secretary determines necessary to fulfill the duties of the Advisory Committee.

A voting member of the NACSD shall serve for a term of three years, except that the Secretary may adjust the terms of appointees who are initially appointed after the date of enacted of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation

Act of 2019 (June 24, 2019) in order to provide for a staggered term of appointment for all members. A voting member may serve not more than three terms on the NACSD, and not more than two of such terms may be served consecutively. Voting members shall not be full-time or permanent part-time federal employees but shall be appointed by the Secretary as Special Government Employees (5 U.S.C. 3109). A member may serve after the expiration of his/her term until a successor has been appointed. Vacancies will be filled as members rotate out or resign using the same procedures as the initial selection process.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Public Perceptions of Emerging Technologies

**AGENCY:** Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments; 1640-NEW.

**SUMMARY:** DHS S&T will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The survey will collect information from the public regarding applications of artificial intelligence, including facial recognition. DHS has already used or piloted AI-based technologies in several of its key functions, including customs and border protection, transportation security, and investigations. However, AI in general and facial recognition in particular are not without public controversy, including concerns about bias, security, and privacy. Therefore, understanding how the public perceives these technologies, and then designing and deploying them in a manner responsive to the public's concerns, is critical in gaining public support for DHS's use of these technologies.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until July 12, 2021. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1