

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with regulatory provisions, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting for the Subcommittee on Procedures Reviews (SPR) of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board). This meeting is open to the public, but without a public comment period. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, to the contact person below. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. The public is also welcomed to listen to the meeting by joining the audio conference (information below). The audio conference line has 150 ports for callers.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 16, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST. Written comments must be received on or before November 9, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by mail to: Rashaun Roberts, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-24, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

*Meeting Information:* Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll-free dial-in number is 1-866-659-0537; the pass code is 9933701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rashaun Roberts, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-24, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226. Telephone: (513) 533-6800; Email: [ocas@cdc.gov](mailto:ocas@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board) was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines that have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule; advice on methods of dose reconstruction, which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule; advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program; and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort. In December

2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) implements this responsibility for CDC.

The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and rechartered under Executive Order 13889 on March 22, 2022, and will terminate on March 22, 2024.

*Purpose:* The Advisory Board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class. The ABRWH Subcommittee on Procedures Reviews (SPR) is responsible for overseeing, tracking, and participating in the reviews of all procedures used in the dose reconstruction process by the NIOSH Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) and its dose reconstruction contractor (Oak Ridge Associated Universities—ORAU).

*Matters to be Considered:* The agenda will include discussions on the following: 1. Carry-over items from June 21, 2023, SPR Meeting including a. Sandford Cohen & Associates (SC&A) follow-up review of PER-049 (Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant) internal dose assessment using hypothetical intakes versus bioassay data and b. SC&A's Peek Street memo on the review of two additional cases provided by NIOSH; 2. Newly issued SC&A reviews including a. DCAS-PER-040 "Mallinckrodt TBD Revisions," b. DCAS-PER-051 "Weldon Spring Plant," c. DCAS-PER-083 "Weldon Spring Plant TBD Revision," d. DCAS-PER-067 "Allegheny Ludlum Appendix Q Revisions," and e. ORAUT-RPRT-0097 "Breathing Zone to General Area Air Concentration Ratios in Small Workrooms"; 3. Preparation for the December 2023 Full ABRWH Meeting; Review of SPR accomplishments and current activities; 4. Preparation for the April 2024 Full ABRWH Meeting; Review of technical guidance documents ready for full Board approval; and 5. Newly Issued

Guidance and Supplemental Topics. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. For additional information, please contact Toll Free 1(800) 232-4636.

The Director, Office of Strategic Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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*Director, Office of Strategic Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: \_\_\_\_, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Contents**

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection’s supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS–10553 Medicaid Managed Care Quality including Supporting Regulations.

CMS–10554 Children’s Health Insurance Program Managed Care and Supporting Regulations.

CMS–10856 Medicaid Managed Care and Supporting Regulations.

CMS–R–305 External Quality Review (EQR) of Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care, EQR Protocols, and Supporting Regulations.

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term “collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests

or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

**Information Collection**

1. *Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Managed Care Quality including Supporting Regulations; *Use:* States are required to develop quality strategies and quality strategy effectiveness evaluations. States use the information from these documents to help monitor and assess the performance of their Medicaid managed care programs. When developing these documents, States must engage stakeholders and make the documents available for public comment. Medicaid beneficiaries and stakeholders use the reported information to understand the state’s quality improvement goals and objectives, and to understand how the state is measuring progress of its goals. States must submit these documents to CMS for review at least once every three years, or when substantial changes are made to their quality strategies, or State Medicaid programs. CMS uses this information as a part of its oversight responsibilities. The Medicaid and CHIP (MAC) QRS requirements currently include public posting of quality ratings on the State’s website, which is intended to provide beneficiaries and their caregivers with a web-based interface to compare Medicaid and CHIP managed care plans based on assigned ratings. *Form Number:* CMS–10553 (OMB control number: 0938–1281); *Frequency:* Annually, triennial, and one-time.; *Affected Public:* Private sector (business or other for-profits) and State, local or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 673; *Number of Responses:* 6,087; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,441,211. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Carlye Burd at 720–853–2780.)

2. *Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Children’s Health Insurance Program Managed Care and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* States must provide information

obtained through methods consistent with the Protocols specified by CMS to External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). States must post the EQR technical reports on their websites to help enrollees and potential enrollees make informed choices when selecting providers. It also gives advocacy organizations, researchers, and other interested parties access to information pertaining to: the quality of care provided to beneficiaries enrolled in CHIP managed care organizations (MCO), prepaid inpatient health plans (PIHP), and prepaid ambulatory health plans (PAHP). The quality ratings system (QRS) provides beneficiaries with information that allows them to make an informed choice when comparing and selecting managed care plans. The information also provides a better understanding of the state’s quality improvement goals and objectives, and how the state is measuring the progress of its goals. The information may assist states in comparing the outcomes of different delivery systems and can assist them in identifying future performance improvement subjects. *Form Number:* CMS–10554 (OMB control number: 0938–1282); *Frequency:* Annually and one-time; *Affected Public:* Private sector (business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions) and State, local, and Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 62; *Number of Responses:* 2,735,906; *Total Annual Hours:* 365,310. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Joshua Bougie at 410–786–8117.)

3. *Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* New; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Managed Care and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* Provides reporting and third-party disclosure requirements pertaining to State program administration and CMS compliance monitoring. *Form Number:* CMS–10856 (OMB control number: 0938–TBD); *Frequency:* Annually and one-time; *Affected Public:* Private sector (business or other for-profits) and State, local or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 679; *Number of Responses:* 14,313; *Total Annual Hours:* 255,384. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Amy Gentile at 410–786–3499.)

4. *Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* External Quality Review (EQR) of Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care, EQR Protocols, and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* Most contracts between a state Medicaid agency and their managed care plan

must provide for an annual External Quality Review (EQR). The annual EQR is conducted by an independent external quality review organization (EQRO). States must provide the EQRO with information obtained through methods consistent with the protocols specified by CMS. The information is used by the EQRO to determine the quality of care furnished by the managed care plans in the state. The publicly posted EQR results allows Medicaid/CHIP enrollees and potential enrollees to make informed choices regarding the selection of their providers. It also provides advocacy organizations, researchers, and other interested parties access to information on the quality of care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP managed care. States use the information during their oversight of these organizations. *Form Number:* CMS-R-305 (OMB control number: 0938-0786); *Frequency:* Annually and one-time; *Affected Public:* Private sector (business or other for-profits) and State, local or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 698; *Number of Responses:* 10,249; *Total Annual Hours:* 483,784. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Carlye Burd at 720-853-2780.)

Dated: August 23, 2023.

**William N. Parham, III,**

*Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; NCATS SBIR Basket Clinical Trials.

*Date:* September 21, 2023.

*Time:* 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Nakia C Brown, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Grants Management and Scientific Review, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Room 1037, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-3484, [brownnac@mail.nih.gov](mailto:brownnac@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.350, B—Cooperative Agreements; 93.859, Biomedical Research and Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 23, 2023.

**Melanie J. Pantoja,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Licensing information may be obtained by communicating with Vidita Choudhry, Ph.D., Office of Technology Transfer and Development, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 31 Center Drive Room 4A29, MSC2479, Bethesda, MD 20892-2479; telephone: 301-594-4095; email: [vidita.choudhry@nih.gov](mailto:vidita.choudhry@nih.gov). A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement may be required to receive any unpublished information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Technology description follows.

#### Apparatus for Cryogenic-Electron Microscopy Sample Preparation

Cryo-Electron Microscopy (cryo-EM) is used to obtain high-resolution structural images of macromolecular structures. Samples must be purified and loaded onto cryo-EM grids before imaging. The ideal cryo-EM grid consists of particles that are evenly and richly distributed in a broad distribution of orientations throughout the holes of the support film. Current techniques to prepare cryo-EM grids are performed manually and require trial and error, resulting in a bottleneck in cryo-EM workflows.

Researchers have developed a device and method for time-resolved preparation of liquid samples for cryo-EM experiments. In particular, the mixing and dispensation of liquid samples is achieved by electrical signals that are transduced into specific acoustic frequencies to mix the liquid samples (low frequency) and then dispense the mixture (high frequency) in small, nanoliter volumes onto a cryo-EM grid. This novel apparatus and method provides more precise control over liquid sample mixing and dispensing, and improved dispensation of the mixture onto the EM grid. Also, the improved quality of captured images of homogeneous macromolecular structures is achieved due to a uniformly mixed and dispensed sample on the EM grid. This allows electrons to be transmitted through the very thin liquid film in the holes of the cryo-EM grid to form an image.

#### Potential Commercial Applications

- Automation of cryo-EM experiments aimed at Structure-based Drug Design by examining macromolecular structure and its interactions with ligands.
- Kits with hardware and software components to setup robotic automation of cryo-EM sample preparation, dispensation, plunging and storage.

#### Competitive Advantages

- Automated workflow eliminates the guesswork out of cryo-EM sample preparation.
- Increases sample prep success rate and decreases the need to screen repeated trials.
- Using acoustic-based, multiple-sample mixing enables homogeneous mixing and facilitates the observation of transient molecular interactions with high time resolution.
- Python code is available for command and control of a robot that manipulates the cryo-EM grid.