

following meeting for the Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Readiness and Response, (BSC, ORR). This virtual meeting is open to the public. Time will be available for public comment.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 23, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: Zoom virtual meeting. If you wish to attend the meeting, please register in advance by accessing the link at https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_kNZWpr8KRVGTGNOERE_1Cg#/registration. Instructions to access the meeting will be provided following registration.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Readiness and Response provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS; the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and the Director, Office of Readiness and Response (ORR), CDC. The Board recommends strategies and goals for readiness and response activities pertaining to programs and research within the agency and the ORR divisions and monitors the overall strategic direction and focus of the ORR divisions and offices. The Board may also perform second-level peer review of applications for grants-in-aid for research and research training activities, cooperative agreements, and research contract proposals relating to the broad areas within the center. For additional information about the Board, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/orr/bsc/index.htm>.

Matters to be Considered: Agenda topics for the meeting include: (1) ORR Updates, (2) ORR Division Directors Follow-up Discussion, (3) Polio Containment Working Group Updates, (4) Health Equity Working Group Updates, and (5) ORR Science Agenda Presentation and Discussion. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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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Medicare Program Public Meeting for New Revisions to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Coding—May 28–30, 2024

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the dates and times of the virtual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) public meeting to be held from May 28, 2024, through May 30, 2024, to discuss CMS' preliminary coding, Medicare benefit category, and payment determinations, if applicable, for new revisions to the HCPCS Level II code set for non-drug and non-biological items and services, as well as how to register for those meetings.

DATES: *Virtual Meeting Dates:* Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET); Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET; and Thursday, May 30, 2024, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: *Virtual Meeting Location:* The HCPCS public meetings will be held virtually via Zoom only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sundus Ashar, (410) 786-0750, Sundus.ashar1@cms.hhs.gov, or HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 21, 2000, Congress enacted the Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) (Pub. L. 106-554). Section 531(b) of BIPA mandated that the Secretary establish procedures that permit public consultation for coding and payment

determinations for new durable medical equipment (DME) under Medicare Part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act). In the November 23, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 58743), we published a notice providing information regarding the establishment of the annual public meeting process for DME.

In 2020, we implemented changes to our HCPCS Level II coding procedures, including the establishment of quarterly coding cycles for drugs and biological products and biannual coding cycles for non-drug and non-biological items and services.

In the December 28, 2021, **Federal Register** (86 FR 73860), we published a final rule that established procedures for making Medicare benefit category and payment determinations for new items and services that are DME, prosthetic devices, orthotics and prosthetics, therapeutic shoes and inserts, surgical dressings, or splints, casts, and other devices used for reductions of fractures and dislocations under Medicare Part B.

II. Public Meeting Agendas

Prior to registering to attend a virtual public meeting, all potential participants and other attendees are advised to review the public meeting agendas at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings>, which identify CMS' preliminary coding, Medicare benefit category, and payment determinations, if applicable, and the date each item will be discussed. In establishing the public meeting agendas, CMS may group multiple, related code applications under the same agenda item.

III. Virtual Meeting Registration

The May 28, 2024, through May 30, 2024, HCPCS public meetings will be virtual and available for remote audio attendance and participation only via Zoom. The Zoom link and registration instructions will be posted in the Guidelines for Participation in HCPCS Public Meetings document on the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings> and in an announcement on the HCPCS General Information page at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/healthcare-common-procedure-system>. The same website also contains detailed information on how attendees can join the virtual public meetings using Zoom, including dial-in information. All individuals who plan to speak (15 or 5 minutes) at the virtual public meetings must register by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, May 17, 2024. All participants and other

attendees can access the virtual public meeting through the Zoom link, which will be posted on the HCPCS website. Attendees can attend more than 1 day of the public meeting.

A. Required Information for Registration

The following information must be provided when registering to be a speaker:

- Name;
- Company name (if applicable);
- Email address;
- Any special assistance requests (will be considered if the registration is submitted by 5 p.m. ET, Friday, May 17, 2024);
- Whether the registrant is a primary speaker or a 5-minute speaker for an agenda item;
- Agenda item and application number;
- Whether the primary speaker will use a PowerPoint presentation; and
- Whether the registrant will participate in a practice Zoom session, to be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

B. Speakers and Attendees

1. Primary Speakers

Each applicant that submitted a HCPCS Level II code application that will be discussed at the virtual public meetings is permitted to designate a primary speaker. Fifteen minutes is the total time interval for a primary speaker per agenda item. Any unused time from the primary speaker will be forfeited and cannot be delegated to another speaker. The deadline for primary speakers to register and submit any supporting PowerPoint presentation is 5 p.m. ET, Friday, May 17, 2024. CMS will accept PowerPoint presentations if those materials are emailed to HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov by the stated deadline. Due to the timeframe needed for the planning and coordination of the HCPCS virtual public meetings, materials that are not submitted in accordance with this deadline cannot be accommodated.

All PowerPoint presentation materials must not exceed 10 slides and should be in PowerPoint presentation format, not PDF. We will not play videos or animations during the public meeting sessions and request the speakers exclude these materials from their PowerPoint presentation and instead submit any relevant video or animation materials along with the written comments. We request that speakers ensure the presentation does not include any inappropriate content before submission.

Every primary speaker must declare at the beginning of their presentation at

the meeting, as well as in their written summary, whether they have any financial involvement with the manufacturer of the item that is the subject of the HCPCS Level II application that the primary speaker presented, or any competitors of that manufacturer with respect to the item. This includes any payment, salary, remuneration, or benefit provided to that speaker by the applicant.

2. 5-Minute Speakers

Any individual related to the public meeting agenda item, including but not limited to, an employee, interested parties, competitor, insurer, public consumer, etc., may register and speak as a 5-minute speaker. The deadline for registering to be a 5-minute speaker is 5 p.m. ET, Friday, May 17, 2024.

Every 5-minute speaker must declare at the beginning of their presentation at the meeting, as well as in their written summary, whether they have any financial involvement with the manufacturer of the item that is the subject of the HCPCS Level II code application or agenda item that the 5-minute speaker presented, or any competitors of that manufacturer with respect to the item. This includes any payment, salary, remuneration, or benefit provided to that speaker by the applicant. We will not accept any other written materials, outside of the written comments, from a 5-minute speaker.

3. All Other Attendees

All individuals who plan to attend the virtual public meetings to listen and do not plan to speak, may access the virtual public meeting using the Zoom link posted on the HCPCS website at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/healthcare-common-procedure-system>.

Individuals who require special assistance must register and request special assistance services by 5 p.m. ET, Friday, May 17, 2024.

IV. Written Comments

The primary and 5-minute speaker(s) must email a brief, written summary (one paragraph) of their comments and conclusions. Written comments from anyone, including the primary and 5-minute speaker(s), will only be accepted when emailed to: HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov before 5 p.m. ET on the date of the virtual public meeting at which the HCPCS Level II code application that is the subject of the comments is discussed.

V. Additional Information

The HCPCS section of the CMS website also includes details regarding the public meeting process for new

revisions to the HCPCS Level II code set, including information on how to join the meeting remotely, and guidelines for an effective presentation. The HCPCS section of the CMS website also contains a document titled "Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II Coding Procedures," which is a description of the HCPCS Level II coding process, including a detailed explanation of the procedures CMS uses to make HCPCS Level II coding determinations.

When CMS refers to a HCPCS code or HCPCS Level II coding application above, CMS may also be referring to circumstances when a HCPCS code has already been issued, but a Medicare benefit category and/or payment has not been determined. CMS is working diligently to address Medicare benefit category and payment determinations for new items and services that may be DME, prosthetic devices, orthotics and prosthetics, therapeutic shoes and inserts, surgical dressings, or splints, casts, and other devices used for reductions of fractures and dislocations under Medicare Part B. Please check the CMS website listed above for the final agenda.

VI. 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. 3501 *et seq.*).

The Administrator of CMS, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Trenesha Fultz-Mimms, who is the **Federal Register Liaison**, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the Federal Register.

Trenesha Fultz-Mimms,

Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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