

are subject to change as priorities dictate. For more information on the meeting agenda, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/acip/meetings/index.html>.

**Meeting Information:** The meeting will be webcast live via the World Wide Web. For more information on ACIP, please visit the ACIP website: <https://www.cdc.gov/acip>.

### Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations are invited to participate by submitting written views, recommendations, and data. Please note that comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Comments will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be on public display. CDC will review all submissions and may choose to redact, or withhold, submissions containing private or proprietary information such as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near-duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted into the docket.

**Written Public Comment:** The docket will be opened to receive written comments February 3–17, 2025. Written comments must be received by February 17, 2025.

**Oral Public Comment:** This meeting will include time for members of the public to make an oral comment. Oral public comment will occur before any scheduled votes, including all votes relevant to the ACIP's Affordable Care Act and Vaccines for Children Program roles. Priority will be given to individuals who submit a request to make an oral public comment before the meeting according to the procedures below.

**Procedure for Oral Public Comment:** All persons interested in making an oral public comment at the February 26–28, 2025, ACIP meeting must submit a request at <https://www.cdc.gov/acip/meetings/index.html> between February 3–17, 2025, and no later than 11:59 p.m., EST, February 17, 2025 according to the instructions provided.

If the number of persons requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled time, CDC will conduct a random draw to determine the speakers for the

scheduled public comment session. CDC staff will notify individuals regarding their request to speak by email by February 19, 2025. To accommodate the significant interest in participation in the oral public comment session of ACIP meetings, each speaker will be limited to three minutes, and each speaker may speak only once per meeting.

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

[CMS–7077–N]

### Announcement of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) Virtual Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) (the Panel) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (the Secretary) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Health Insurance Marketplace<sup>®</sup>,<sup>1</sup> Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:**

<sup>1</sup> The Health Insurance Marketplace<sup>®</sup> is a registered service mark of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, February 6, 2025 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time (e.s.t).

**Deadline for Meeting Registration, Presentations, Special Accommodations, and Comments:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 by 5 p.m. e.s.t.

### ADDRESSES:

**Meeting Location:** Virtual. All those who RSVP will receive the link to attend.

**Presentations and Written Comments:** Presentations and written comments should be submitted to: Hailey Gutzmer, Acting Designated Federal Official (DFO), Office of Communications, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 315D.02, Washington, DC 20201, 410–786–1307, or via email at [APOE@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:APOE@cms.hhs.gov).

**Registration:** Persons wishing to attend this meeting must register at the website <https://CMS-APOE-February2025.rsvpify.com> or by contacting the DFO listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation or other special accommodations should contact the DFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hailey Gutzmer, Acting Designated Federal Official, Office of Communications, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 315D.02, Washington, DC 20201, 410–786–1307, or via email at [APOE@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:APOE@cms.hhs.gov).

Additional information about the APOE is available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE>. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690–6145.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background and Charter Renewal Information

##### A. Background

The Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) (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 federal advisory committees. The Panel is authorized by section 1114(f) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1314(f)) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a).

The Panel, which was first chartered in 1999, advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the effective implementation of national Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Health Insurance Marketplace® outreach and education programs.

The APOE has focused on a variety of laws, including the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–173), and the Affordable Care Act (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, (Pub. L. 111–148) and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–152)).

The APOE helps the Department determine the best communication channels and tactics for various programs and priorities, as well as new rules and laws. In the coming years, we anticipate the American Rescue Plan (Pub. L. 117–2), the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117–169), and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT) Act (Pub. L. 115–271) will be some of the topics the Panel will discuss. The Panel will provide feedback to CMS staff on outreach and education strategies, communication tools and messages and how to best reach minority, vulnerable, and Limited English Proficiency populations.

### B. Charter Renewal

The Panel's charter was renewed on January 19, 2023, and will terminate on January 19, 2025, unless renewed by appropriate action. The Charter is currently under review for renewal. The Charter can be found at <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/faca/apoe>.

In accordance with the renewed charter, the APOE will advise the Secretary and the CMS Administrator concerning optimal strategies for the following:

- Developing and implementing education and outreach programs for individuals enrolled in, or eligible for, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and coverage available through the Health Insurance Marketplace® and other CMS programs.
- Enhancing the federal government's effectiveness in informing Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, or the Health Insurance Marketplace® consumers, issuers, providers, and stakeholders, pursuant to education and outreach programs regarding these programs, including public-private partnerships to leverage the resources of the private sector in educating beneficiaries, providers, partners and stakeholders.

- Expanding outreach to minority and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and the Health Insurance Marketplace® education programs and other CMS programs as designated.

- Assembling and sharing an information base of "best practices" for helping consumers evaluate health coverage options.

- Building and leveraging existing community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

- Drawing the program link between outreach and education, promoting consumer understanding of health care coverage choices, and facilitating consumer selection/enrollment, which in turn support the overarching goal of improved access to quality care, including prevention services, envisioned under the Affordable Care Act.

The current members of the Panel as of September 19, 2024 are as follows:

- Mitchell Balk, President, The Mt. Sinai Health Foundation.
- Paula Campbell, Director of Health Equity and Emergency Response, Illinois Primary Care Association.
- Dr. Matthew Fullen, Associate Professor of Counselor Education, Virginia Tech.
- Justin Gust, Vice President of Community Engagement, El Centro, Inc.
- Andrea Haynes, MD, Family Medicine Physician, PPC Austin Family Health Center.
- Lydia Isaac, Vice President for Health Equity and Policy, National Urban League.
- Vacheria Keys, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, National Association of Community Health Centers.
- Daisy Kim, Assistant Director for Government Relations and Legislative Analysis, University of California System.
- Lynn Kimball, Executive Director, Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington.
- Erin Loubier, Senior Director for Health and Legal Integration and Payment Innovation, Whitman-Walker Health.
- Dr. Alister Martin, Physician and Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School and Harvard Kennedy School.
- Neil Meltzer, President and CEO, LifeBridge Health.
- Dr. Carol Podgorski, Professor of Psychiatry, Associate Chair of Academic Affairs, University of Rochester Medical Center.
- Melanie Prince, CEO MAPYourWay, LLC; Immediate Past President, Case Management Society of America.

- Carrie Rogers, Associate Director, Community Catalyst.
- Tricia Sandiego, Senior Advisor, Caregiving and Health Team, AARP.
- Marsha Schofield, President, Marsha Schofield & Associates LLC.
- Mina Schultz, Health Policy and Advocacy Manager, Young Invincibles.
- Daniel Spirn, Vice President, Government Relations, Utilization Review Accreditation Commission.
- Emily Whicheloe, Director of Education, Medicare Rights Center.

## II. Meeting Format and Agenda

In accordance with section 10(a) of the FACA, this notice announces a meeting of the APOE. The agenda for the February 6, 2025 meeting will include the following:

- Welcome and opening remarks from CMS leadership.
- Recap of the previous (September 19, 2024) meeting.
- Presentations on CMS programs, initiatives, and priorities; discussion of panel recommendations.
- An opportunity for public comment.
- Meeting adjourned.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make a 5-minute oral presentation on an agenda topic should submit a written copy of the oral presentation to the DFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. Individuals not wishing to make an oral presentation may submit written comments to the DFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

## III. Meeting Participation

The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to registered participants. Persons wishing to attend this meeting must register at the following weblink <https://CMS-APOE-February2025.rsvpify.com> or by contacting the DFO at the address or telephone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice. This meeting will be held virtually. Individuals who are not registered in advance will be unable to attend this meeting.

## IV. Collection of Information

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. Chapter 35).

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Chyana Woodyard, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**Chyana Woodyard,**

*Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS-10069]

#### 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 (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 March 11, 2025.

**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:

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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 10069 Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program Application

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 Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program Application; *Use:* CMS is requesting the information collection request previously approved under OMB control number 0938-0880, the Medicare Waiver Demonstration/Model Application, be reinstated. The approval lapsed due to an administrative oversight.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has operated the statutory Rural Community Hospital (RCH) Demonstration since 2004. The authorizing statute instructed CMS to test cost-based payment for Medicare inpatient services for rural hospitals with fewer than 51 beds that are not eligible to be Critical Access Hospitals (CAH).

The RCH Demonstration Program was initially authorized by section 410A of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003. Following the initial 5-year authorization, the demonstration has been extended 3 times, each time for an additional 5 years—first, by Sections 3123 and 10313 of the Affordable Care Act; then by section 15003 of the 21st Century Cures Act; and by section 128 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. Currently, the demonstration has 20 participants out of a maximum of 30 hospitals, and it is scheduled to end in 2028.

For previous authorizations, CMS has issued a Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit applications for the demonstration program. For the last solicitation, in 2017, CMS received 51 applications for 13 open spaces. CMS is planning on a new RFA to fill the ten spaces that are currently open.

Per the RFA, applications are requested in identical format, regardless of the specific goals and projects of the individual applicants. The standardized application format is not controversial, and it will reduce burden on applicants and reviewers. Responses are strictly voluntary. The standard format will enable CMS to select proposals that meet CMS objectives and show the best potential for success.

The RFA will ask interested hospitals to provide a problem statement, strategies for ongoing financial viability, goals for participation in the demonstration, and plans for collaboration with other providers in the area. Applications will be submitted in the user-friendly format outlined in the Medicare Waiver Demonstration/Model Application.