

proposed consent order. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify their terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498-1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Potential Reproductive and Neurological Effects of Exposure to Acrylamide—NEW—The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The mission of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is to promote safety and health at work for all people through research and prevention. Consistent with this mission, NIOSH is undertaking a study of the reproductive and neurobehavioral effects of occupational exposure to

acrylamide. Acrylamide workers and control workers (n=100 per group) will be recruited from manufacturing, end-user, and non-exposed settings. Exposure will be characterized by acrylamide hemoglobin adduct and urinary metabolite levels, ambient area, personal air, and dermal sampling. Reproductive effects will be evaluated by examining semen quality, sperm DNA integrity, reproductive hormone levels, and prostate specific antigen levels (PSA).

Neurobehavioral effects will be assessed using sensation-tactile, postural stability, grooved pegboard, and simple reaction time tests. Two questionnaires will be administered on one occasion. Questionnaire information will be collected concurrently to augment test interpretation, adjust for potential confounders and covariates during regression analysis, correlate specific jobs and job activities with exposure measurements, and for validation purposes. Findings from this study will clarify if the adverse reproductive effects observed in animal studies are also present in acrylamide-exposed workers, and if preclinical neurobehavioral deficits are present at acrylamide doses currently considered to be within safe limits. This study is scheduled for implementation during 2003 and 2004. There are no costs to respondents.

Survey questionnaires	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Medical & Reproductive History Questionnaire .....	200	1	13/60	43
Occupational History Questionnaire .....	200	1	34/60	113
Non-participant Questionnaire .....	50	1	2/60	2
<b>Total .....</b>	.....	.....	.....	<b>158</b>

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**Thomas Bartenfeld,**

*Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

[CMS-4051-N]

**Medicare Program; Renewal of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME) and Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Panel—February 27, 2003**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal and notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the renewal of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME) or the

Panel). The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Medicare program. This notice announces the signing of the APME charter renewal by the Secretary on January 21, 2003. The charter will terminate on January 21, 2005, unless renewed by the Secretary.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 10(a) (Pub. L. 92-463) this notice also announces a meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) on

February 27, 2003. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2003, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.s.t.

*Deadline for Submission of Presentations and Comments:* February 20, 2003, 12 noon, e.s.t.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Washington Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20005, (202) 429-1700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lynne Johnson, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Partnership Development, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, S2-23 05, Baltimore, MD, 21244-1850, (410) 786-0090. Please refer to the CMS Advisory Committees Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet (<http://www.cms.gov/faca/apme/default.asp>) for additional information and updates on committee activities, or contact Ms. Johnson via E-mail at [ljohnson3@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:ljohnson3@cms.hhs.gov). Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), as amended, grants to the Secretary the authority to establish an advisory panel if the Secretary finds the panel necessary and in the public interest. The Secretary signed the charter establishing this panel on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7849), and approved the renewal of the charter on January 18, 2001. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to 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 Medicare program. The goals of the panel are as follows:

- Develop and implement a national Medicare education program that describes the options for selecting a health plan under Medicare.
- Enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships.
- Expand outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of a national Medicare education program.
- Assemble an information base of best practices for helping consumers evaluate health plan options and build

a community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

The current members of the panel are: Dr. Jane Delgado, Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Hispanic Health; Joyce Dubow, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Policy Institute, AARP; Timothy Fuller, Executive Director, National Gray Panthers; John Graham IV, Chief Executive Officer, American Diabetes Association; Dr. William Haggett, Senior Vice President, Government Programs, Independence Blue Cross; Thomas Hall, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cardio-Kinetics, Inc.; David Knutson, Director, Health System Studies, Park Nicollet Institute for Research and Education; Brian Lindberg, Executive Director, Consumer Coalition for Quality Health Care; Katherine Metzger, Director, Medicare and Medicaid Programs, Fallon Community Health Plan; Dr. Laurie Powers, Co-Director, Center on Self-Determination, Oregon Health Sciences University; Dr. Marlon Priest, Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Dr. Susan Reinhard, Co-Director, Center for State Health Policy, Rutgers University and Chairperson of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education; Dr. Everard Rutledge, Vice President of Community Health, Bon Secours Health Systems, Inc.; Jay Sackman, Executive Vice President, 1199 Service Employees International Union; Dallas Salisbury, President and Chief Executive Officer, Employee Benefit Research Institute; Rosemarie Sweeney, Vice President, Socioeconomic Affairs and Policy Analysis, American Academy of Family Physicians; and Bruce Taylor, Director, Employee Benefit Policy and Plans, Verizon Communications.

**II. Provisions of this Notice**

*A. Renewal*

This notice announces the signing of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education charter renewal by the Secretary on January 21, 2003. The charter will terminate on January 21, 2005, unless renewed by the Secretary before the expiration date.

*B. Meeting Notice*

The agenda for the February 27, 2003, meeting will include the following items:

- Recap of the previous (November 19, 2002) meeting.
- Center for Beneficiary Choices update.
- Promoting the use of Medicare preventive benefits.
- Eliminating disparities in the use of Medicare preventive benefits.

- 2003/2004 Medicare Education Campaign.

- Update on Home Health Quality Initiative.

- Public comment.

- Listening session with CMS leadership.

- Next steps.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make a 5-minute oral presentation on an agenda topic should contact Ms. Johnson by 12 noon, February 20, 2003. A written copy of the oral presentation should also be submitted to Ms. Johnson by 12 noon, February 20, 2003. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. Individuals not wishing to make a presentation may submit written comments to Ms. Johnson by 12 noon, February 20, 2003. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Johnson at least 15 days before the meeting.

**III. Copies of the Charter**

You may obtain a copy of the Secretary's charter for the APME by submitting a request to Lynne Johnson, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Partnership Development, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, S2-23-05, Baltimore, MD, 21244-1850, (410) 786-0090 or contact Ms. Johnson via E-mail at [ljohnson3@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:ljohnson3@cms.hhs.gov). A copy of the charter will also be available on the Internet at (<http://www.cms.gov/faca/apme/default.asp>).

**Authority:** Sec. 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217(a) and sec. 10(a) of Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, sec. 10(a) and 41 CFR 102-3).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.733, Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program.)

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**Thomas A. Scully,**

*Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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