

**ADDRESSES:** Hubert H. Humphrey building (200 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A webcast of the third Community meeting will be available on the NIH Web site at: <http://www.videocast.nih.gov/>. If you have special needs for the meeting please contact Amanda Smith at [Amanda.Smith@hhs.gov](mailto:Amanda.Smith@hhs.gov) or (202) 690-7385.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

**Dana Haza,**

*Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup Meeting

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the first meeting of the American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

**DATES:** January 30, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hubert H. Humphrey Building (200 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201), conference room 705A.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For information on how to access this workgroup meeting via the Web, including ensuring your PC's compatibility, go to: <http://www.hsrnet.net/onc/workgroups/>.

This notice is published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to logistical difficulties.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

**Dana Haza,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### American Health Information Community Electronic Health Record Workgroup Meeting

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the first meeting of the American Health Information Community Electronic Health Record Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

**DATES:** January 31, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hubert H. Humphrey Building (200 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201), conference room 800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For information on how to access this workgroup meeting via the Web, including ensuring your PC's compatibility, go to: <http://www.hsrnet.net/onc/workgroups/>.

This notice is published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to logistical difficulties.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Amendment To Extend the January 24, 2003, Declaration Regarding Administration of Smallpox Countermeasures, as Amended on January 24, 2004 and January 24, 2005

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Concern that terrorists may have access to the smallpox virus and attempt to use it against the American public and United States Government facilities abroad continues to exist. The January 24, 2003, declaration regarding administration of smallpox countermeasures is revised to incorporate statutory definitions from the Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003 and extended for one year until and including January 23, 2007.

**DATES:** This notice and the attached amendment are effective as of January 24, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Telephone (202) 205-2882 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 224(p) of the Public Health Service Act, which was established by section 304 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and amended by section 3 of the Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003 ("SEPPA"), is intended to alleviate certain liability concerns associated with administration of smallpox countermeasures and, therefore, ensure that the countermeasures are available and can be administered in the event of a smallpox-related actual or potential public health emergency such as a bioterrorist incident.

On January 24, 2003, due to concerns that terrorists may have access to the smallpox virus and attempt to use it against the American public and U.S. Government facilities abroad, the Secretary issued a declaration making section 224's legal protections available. The declaration was effective until and including January 23, 2004; it included in section VI a number of definitions, which are no longer appropriate because of the statutory amendments in section 3 of SEPPA.

On January 24, 2004, the Secretary amended the definitions contained in the January 24, 2003 declaration in light of the statutory amendments in section 3 of SEPPA because such definitions were no longer appropriate, and extended the declaration for one year until January 23, 2005. On January 24, 2005, the Secretary extended the declaration for another year through January 23, 2006. Pursuant to section 224(p)(2)(A), the Secretary issues the amendment below to extend for one year, up to and including January 23, 2007, the January 24, 2003 declaration, as amended.

#### Amendment To Extend January 24, 2003 Declaration Regarding Administration of Smallpox Countermeasures

*I. Policy Determination:* The underlying policy determinations of the January 24, 2003 declaration continue to exist, including the heightened concern that terrorists may have access to the smallpox virus and attempt to use it