

- *Action Subcommittee* (Chairperson, Julie Nelson, J.D.) charged with identifying issues other than on-call issues.

- *Framework Subcommittee* (Chairperson, Charlotte Yeh, M.D.) charged with clarifying the historical context and conceptual basis for the TAG's recommendations and developing a document for review and approval by the TAG.

II. Meeting Format, Agenda, and Presentation Topics

A. Meeting Format

The initial portion of the meeting, which will convene at 9 a.m. on September 17, will involve opening remarks and will be followed by a limited period of public testimony on issues related to EMTALA and its implementation. TAG members will have the opportunity to ask questions, prioritize the topics presented, and to conduct other necessary business. At the conclusion of each day's meeting, to the extent that time is available and at the discretion of the Chairperson, the public will be permitted a reasonable time to comment on issues being considered by the TAG.

B. Tentative Meeting Agenda

The tentative agenda for the EMTALA TAG meetings is as follows:

Day 1

Convenes at 9 a.m.

- Welcome, Call to Order, and

Opening Remarks

- Administrative and Housekeeping Issues
- Public Testimony on Issues Related to EMTALA and Its Implementation
- Subcommittee Reports
- Public Comment.

Day 2

Convenes at 9 a.m.

- Subcommittee Reports (cont.)
- Public Comment.

C. Public Presentations

Only individuals who register and submit written testimony as specified in the **SECURITY INFORMATION** section of this notice will be considered registered presenters. The time allotted for each presentation will be approximately 5 minutes and will be based on the number of registered presenters. Presenters will speak in their assigned order. If registered presenters are not given an opportunity to speak because of time restrictions, we will accept and present their written testimony to the TAG members. Comments from other participants (individuals who are not registered presenters) may be heard after

the scheduled testimonies, if time permits.

If there are individuals who cannot attend the meeting but wish to submit comments/statements regarding issues related to the EMTALA TAG, we will accept and present their written comments/statements at the meeting if their comments/statements are received by postal mail or email at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by September 3, 2007.

III. Registration Instructions

The Center for Medicare Management of CMS is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, all individuals must register to attend due to limited seating. As specified in the **DATES** section of this notice, individuals who wish to attend the meeting but do not plan to present testimony must register by September 10, 2007. Individuals who would like both to attend and to present testimony on issues relating to the EMTALA TAG must register by August 27, 2007 and must state specifically in their registration request that they wish to present testimony for EMTALA TAG consideration. A copy of the presenter's written testimony must be received by CMS at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by September 3, 2007.

You may register by sending an e-mail to Marianne Myers at Marianne.Myers@cms.hhs.gov, by fax to the attention of Marianne Myers at (410) 786-0681, or by telephone at (410) 786-5962. All registration requests must include your name, name of the organization (if applicable), address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address (if available). Individuals will receive a registration confirmation with instructions for your arrival at the Wilbur J. Cohen Building. If seating capacity has been reached, registrants will be notified that the meeting has reached capacity. All registrants are asked to arrive at the Wilbur J. Cohen Building no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time of each meeting session they wish to attend.

IV. Security Information

Since this meeting will be held in a Federal government building, Federal security measures are applicable. As noted above, in planning your arrival time, we recommend allowing additional time to clear security. In order to gain access to the building, participants must bring a government-issued photo identification such as a driver's license or a passport and a copy of your registration information for the

meeting. Access may be denied to persons without proper identification.

All persons entering the building must pass through a metal detector. In addition, all items brought to CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of demonstration or to support a presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or to support a presentation.

V. Selection of New EMTALA TAG Member

In the March 15, 2005 **Federal Register** (70 FR 12691), we announced the EMTALA TAG membership. One of those original members, a hospital representative, is unable to complete his term of service. In selecting a replacement, the TAG must maintain the member composition described in section 945(b) of the MMA. We note that section 945(b)(1) of the MMA specifies that: "4 [members of the TAG] shall be representatives of hospitals." For this reason and to ensure that the concerns of hospitals are appropriately considered during TAG deliberations, another hospital representative has been selected to serve as a member of the TAG. The new member is Rachel Seifert of Community Health Systems in Franklin, Tennessee.

Authority: Section 945 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA).

Dated: August 16, 2007.

Herb Kuhn,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-3184-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MedCAC)—October 22, 2007

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MedCAC)

("Committee") entitled CMS Evidentiary Priorities for Medicare. The Committee generally provides advice and recommendations about whether scientific evidence is adequate to determine if certain medical items and services are reasonable and necessary under the Medicare statute.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)).

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., d.s.t.

Deadline for Presentations and Written Comments: Send written comments and presentations to the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section by 5 p.m., d.s.t. on September 17, 2007.

Deadline for Meeting Registration: For security reasons, individuals wishing to attend this meeting must register by 5 p.m. d.s.t. on October 15, 2007.

Deadline for Submitting Request for Special Accommodations: Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify the Executive Secretary as specified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Meeting Location: The meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244.

Registration: Register by contacting Maria Ellis 410-786-0309, or Maria.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, OCSQ—Coverage and Analysis Group, C1-09-06, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244.

Presentation and Comment Submission: Submit presentations and comments to Michelle Atkinson, at MedCACpresentations@cms.hhs.gov.

Web Site: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/02_aspTopOfPage.

Submission of Presentations and Comments: Interested persons may present data, information, or views orally or in writing on issues pending before the Committee. Please submit written comments and presentations to the Executive Secretary at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Presentations once submitted are final. No further changes to the presentation will be accepted after submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Atkinson, Executive Secretary

for MedCAC, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, OCSQ—Coverage and Analysis Group, C1-09-06, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244. 410-786-2881;

Michelle.Atkinson@cms.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Topic

On December 14, 1998, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 68780) to describe the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC), which provides advice and recommendations to CMS about clinical issues. The MCAC was subsequently rechartered as the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MedCAC).

This notice announces the October 22, 2007 public meeting of the Committee. This meeting is to assist CMS in developing priorities for evidence development for issues of major importance to the Medicare program and the Medicare population to provide a framework for the scientific community advancement of research projects that concern Medicare beneficiaries. Certain disease processes account for a large percentage of services provided to our beneficiaries and specific treatments and healthcare delivery processes have a great impact on beneficiary outcomes. The end product of the MedCAC is a priority list of research topics with the most potential impact on Medicare and Medicare beneficiaries to contribute to the body of medical evidence specific to the Medicare populations. Background information about this topic, including panel materials, is available at <http://www.cms.gov/coverage>.

II. Meeting Procedures

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 30 minutes. The Committee may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make formal presentations, you must do the following:

- Notify the Executive Secretary as specified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of the notice.
- Submit the following to the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice:
 - A brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present.
 - The names and addresses of proposed participants.
 - A written copy of your presentation. Your presentation should

consider the questions we have posed to the Committee and focus on the issues specific to the topic. The questions will be available on the following Web site: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/02_aspTopOfPage.

We require that you declare at the meeting whether you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

After the public and CMS presentations, the Committee will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. The Committee will also allow a 15 minute unscheduled open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic. At the conclusion of the day, the members will vote and the Committee will make its recommendation.

III. Registration Instructions

The Coverage and Analysis Group is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, individuals must register to attend. Register by contacting Maria Ellis as specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date as specified in the **DATES** section of this notice. Please provide your name (as it appears on your government-issued identification), address, organization, telephone, and fax numbers, and e-mail address.

You will receive a registration confirmation with instructions in preparation for your arrival at the CMS complex. You will be notified if the seating capacity has been reached.

This meeting is located on Federal property; therefore, for security reasons, any individuals wishing to attend this meeting must register by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice.

IV. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

This meeting will be held in a Federal government building; therefore, Federal security measures are applicable. In planning your arrival time, we recommend allowing additional time to clear security.

Security measures include the following:

- Presentation of government-issued photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel.
- Interior and exterior inspection of vehicles (this includes engine and trunk inspection) at the entrance to the grounds. Parking permits and

instructions will be issued after the vehicle inspection.

- Passing through a metal detector and inspection of items brought into the building. We note that all items brought to CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of demonstration or to support a demonstration, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or to support a demonstration.

Note: Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the meeting. The public may not enter the building earlier than 30 to 45 minutes prior to the convening of the meeting.

All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower and first floor levels in the Central Building.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a). (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: August 20, 2007.

Barry M. Straube,

Chief Medical Officer and Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-7005-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education, September 20, 2007

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 10(a) (Pub. L. 92-463), this notice announces a meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) on September 20, 2007. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) 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 meeting is open to the public.

DATES: *Meeting Date:* September 20, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., E.D.T.

Deadline for Meeting Registration, Presentations, and Written Comments: September 13, 2007, 12 p.m., E.D.T.

Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations: September 5, 2007, 12 p.m., E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting Location:* Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, (202) 448-1800.

Meeting Registration, Presentations, and Written Comments: Lynne Johnson, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Forum and Conference Development, Office of External Affairs, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail stop S1-05-06, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850 or contact Ms. Johnson via e-mail at Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov.

Meeting Registration: The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Persons wishing to attend this meeting must register by contacting Lynne Johnson at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or by telephone at (410) 786-0090, by 12 p.m., E.D.T., on September 13, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynne Johnson, (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.hhs.gov/FACA/04_APME.asp) for additional information and updates on committee activities. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 and approved the renewal of the charter on November 14, 2006. The establishment of the charter and the renewal of the charter were announced in the February 17, 1999 **Federal Register** (64 FR 7899), and the March 23, 2007 **Federal Register** (72 FR 13796), respectively. 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:

- To develop and implement a national Medicare education program

that describes the options for selecting a health plan under Medicare.

- To enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships.

- To expand outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of a national Medicare education program.

- To 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: Anita B. Boles, Independent Consultant, Health Communications; Gwendolyn T. Bronson, SHINE/SHIP Counselor, Massachusetts SHINE Program; Dr. Yanira Cruz, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Hispanic Council on Aging; Clayton Fong, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Asian Pacific Center on Aging; Nan Kirsten-Forte, Executive Vice President, Consumer Services, WebMD; Dr. Jessie C. Gruman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Center for the Advancement of Health; Betty L. Kennard, Vice President, Government Programs and Compliance, Health First Health Plans; Dr. David Lansky, Director, Health Program, Markle Foundation; Dr. Daniel Lyons, Senior Vice President, Government Programs, Independence Blue Cross; Dr. Frank B. McArdle, Manager, Hewitt Research Office, Hewitt Associates; Traci McClellan, J.D., Executive Director, National Indian Council on Aging; Dr. Keith Mueller, Professor and Section Head, Health Services Research and Rural Health Policy, University of Nebraska; Lee Partridge, Senior Health Policy Advisor, National Partnership for Women and Families; Myisha M. Patterson, National Health Coordinator, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Rebecca Snead, Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations; William A. Steel, President, The National Grange; Marvin Tuttle, Jr., CAE, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Financial Planning Association; Catherine Valenti, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Caring Voice Coalition; and Grant Wedner, Web Education, Daily Strength, Inc.

The agenda for the September 20, 2007 meeting will include the following:

- Recap of the previous (April 17, 2007) meeting.