

The TDF is the only qualified organization that has the technical and administrative capacity to conduct the specific set of activities requested to support CDC TB and MDR-TB prevention and control activities in the Philippines under this cooperative agreement because:

1. The TDF is uniquely positioned, in terms of legal authority, ability, track record, infrastructure and credibility in the Philippines to develop and support TB and MDR-TB control activities in both public and non-governmental organization sites throughout the country.

2. The TDF has already established a framework and mechanisms to develop and implement TB and MDR-TB treatment and control activities in the Philippines, enabling it to immediately become engaged in the activities listed in this announcement.

3. The TDF has demonstrated its ability to coordinate and implement TB treatment and control activities including MDR-TB and TB/HIV co-infection within the country.

4. The TDF has a unique and unparalleled relationship with the Makati Medical Center (MMC), the Department of Health (DOH), NTP, the Tropical Disease Foundation (TDF), and the Philippines Coalition Against Tuberculosis (PhilCAT), based on a rich history of collaboration.

5. The TDF Directly Observed Treatment Short Course (DOTS) Clinic has been in existence since February 1999, in response to the need for public-private partnership in the management of TB patients in the Philippines. The clinic is a collaboration between the TDF and MMC.

6. The TDF was approved as the first pilot project worldwide to undertake DOTS-Plus by the Green Light Committee (GLC), a subgroup of the Scientific Working Group on Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis of the WHO. The MMC DOTS-Plus clinic is the only facility in the Philippines providing treatment to MDR-TB patients.

7. The TDF has the ability to collect information, train staff and advocate for policy based on the experiences learned implementing DOTS-Plus activities.

8. The specific services that the TDF will deliver are directly associated with, and compliment, other ongoing CDC prevention strategies and activities in the Philippines.

C. Funding

Approximately \$110,000 is available in FY 2004 to fund this award. It is expected that the award will begin on or before September 1, 2004, and will be made for a 12-month budget period

within a project period of up to five years. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

For general comments or questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: (770) 488-2700.

For program technical assistance, contact: Dr. Charles Wells, Project Officer, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1600 Clifton Road Mailstop E-10, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 639-8485, E-mail: cwells@cdc.gov.

For budget assistance, contact: Steward Nichols, Grants Management Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-2788, E-mail: SNichols1@cdc.gov.

Dated: July 29, 2004.

William P. Nichols,

Acting Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Health Statistics, Board of Scientific Counselors

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC).

Times and Dates: 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m., September 9, 2004. 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., September 10, 2004.

Place: NCHS Headquarters, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing advice and making recommendations to the Secretary; the Director, CDC; and Director, NCHS, regarding the scientific and technical

program goals and objectives, strategies, and priorities of NCHS.

Matters To Be Discussed: The agenda will include welcome remarks by the Director, NCHS; introductions of members and key NCHS staff; scientific presentations and discussions; and an open session for comments from the public. Requests to make an oral presentation should be submitted in writing to the contact person listed below by close of business, August 25, 2004. All requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Written comments should not exceed five single-spaced typed pages in length and should be received by the contact person listed below by close of business, August 25, 2004.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Weinzimer, Executive Secretary, NCHS, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 7108, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4565, fax (301) 458-4021.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: July 28, 2004.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1275-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups—September 1, 2, and 3, 2004

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)(5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), this notice announces the second biannual meeting of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups (the Panel) for 2004.

The purpose of the Panel is to review the APC groups and their associated weights and to advise the Secretary, DHHS, (the Secretary) and the Administrator, CMS, (the Administrator) concerning the clinical integrity of the APC groups and their associated weights. The Secretary and the Administrator consider the Panel's advice as CMS prepares its annual updates of the hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) through rulemaking.

DATES: The second biannual meeting for 2004 is scheduled for the following dates and times: Wednesday, September 1, 2004, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. (e.d.t.); Thursday, September 2, 2004, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (e.d.t.); Friday, September 3, 2004, 8 a.m.–12 noon (e.d.t.).

Deadlines:

Deadline for Hardcopy and Electronic Comments or Suggested Agenda Topics—

- 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), Wednesday, August 18, 2004.

Deadline for Hardcopy and Electronic Presentations—

- 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), Wednesday, August 18, 2004.

Deadline for Attendance

Registration—

- 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), Monday, August 23, 2004.

Deadline for Special

Accommodations—

- 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), Monday, August 23, 2004.

Submittal of Materials to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO)

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept written comments/presentations by facsimile (FAX), nor can we print written comments/presentations received electronically for dissemination at the meeting.

Only hardcopy comments and presentations will be accepted for placement in the meeting booklets.

We are also requiring electronic versions of the written comments and presentations (in addition to the hardcopies) for the Panel's review prior to the meeting.

Therefore, you must send BOTH electronic and hardcopy versions of your presentations and written comments by the prescribed deadlines. (Electronic transmission must be sent to the e-mail address, and hardcopies must be mailed to the DFO, as shown below.)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor, at the CMS Central Office, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For inquiries regarding the meeting; meeting registration; and hardcopy submissions of oral presentations, agenda items, and comments, please use the following:

Mailing Address: Shirl Ackerman-Ross, DFO, CMS, CMM, HAPG, DOC, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4–05–17, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850. Phone number—(410) 786–4474. E-mail address—APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov. Public Affairs Office Phone Number—(202) 690–6145.

News media representatives should contact our Public Affairs Office at this phone number.

Advisory Committees' Information Lines: The CMS Advisory Committees' Information Line is 1–877–449–5659 (toll free) and (410) 786–9379 (local).

Web Sites: For additional information on the APC meeting agenda topics and/or updates to the Panel's activities, please search our Internet Web site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/apc/default.asp>.

To obtain Charter copies, search our Internet Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca>, or e-mail the DFO at: APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary, DHHS, is required by section 1833(t)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by section 201(h)(1)(B) and redesignated by section 202(a)(2) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act (BBRA) of 1999 (Pub. L. 106–113), to establish and consult with an expert, outside advisory panel on APC groups. The Panel meets up to three times annually to review the APC groups and to provide technical advice to the Secretary and the Administrator concerning the clinical integrity of the groups and their associated weights. We will consider the technical advice provided by the Panel as we prepare the proposed rule that proposes changes to the OPPS for the next calendar year.

The Panel may consist of up to 15 representatives who are full-time employees (not consultants) of Medicare providers, which are subject to the OPPS, and a Chair/Acting Chair. Panel members must have technical expertise that will enable them to fully participate in the Panel's work. The Administrator selected the Panel membership based upon either self-nominations or nominations submitted by providers or interested organizations. The Panel presently consists of the following members and an Acting Chair: Edith Hambrick, M.D., J.D.; Acting Chair, Marilyn Bedell, M.S., R.N., O.C.N.; Albert Brooks Einstein, Jr., M.D.; Robert

E. Henkin, M.D.; Lee H. Hilborne, M.D., M.P.H. Stephen T. House, M.D.; Kathleen Kinslow, C.R.N.A., Ed.D.; Mike Metro, R.N., B.S.; Sandra J. Metzler, M.B.A., R.H.I.A., C.P.H.Q.*; Gerald V. Naccarelli, M.D.; Frank G. Opelka, M.D., F.A.C.S.; Beverly K. Philip, M.D.; Lou Ann Schraffenberger, M.B.A., R.H.I.A., C.C.S.–P*; Lynn R. Tomascik, R.N., M.S.N., C.N.A.A.; Timothy Gene Tyler, Pharm.D.; William Van Decker, M.D. (*New member as of April 1, 2004).

II. Agenda

The agenda for the September 2004 meeting will provide for discussion and comment on the following topics as designated in the Panel's Charter:

- Reconfiguration of APCs (for example, splitting of APCs, moving Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System HCPCS) codes from one APC to another and moving HCPCS codes from new technology APCs to clinical APCs).

- Evaluation of APC weights.
- Packaging devices and drug costs into APCs: methodology, effect on APCs, and need for reconfiguring APCs based upon device and drug packaging.

- Removal of procedures from the inpatient list for payment under the OPPS.

- Use of single and multiple procedure claims data.

- Packaging of HCPCS codes.

- Other technical issues concerning APC structure.

III. Written Comments and Suggested Agenda Topics

The DFO must receive the electronic and hardcopy written comments and suggested agenda topics by 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), Wednesday, August 18, 2004.

Additionally, the written comments and suggested agenda topics must fall within the subject categories listed above that are outlined in the Panel's Charter.

IV. Oral Presentations

Individuals or organizations wishing to make 5-minute oral presentations must contact the DFO. The DFO must receive the electronic and hardcopy presentations by 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, in order to be scheduled.

The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. Oral presentations must not exceed 5 minutes in length.

The Acting Chair may further limit time allowed for presentations due to the number of oral presentations scheduled, if necessary.

V. Presenter and Presentation Criteria

The additional criteria below must be supplied to the DFO by the August 18 deadline (along with hardcopies of presentations).

• Required personal information regarding presenter(s):

- Name of presenter(s),
- Title(s),
- Organizational affiliation,
- Address,
- E-mail address, and
- Telephone number(s).

All presentations must contain, at a minimum, the following supporting information and data:

- Financial relationship(s) of presenter(s), if any, with any company whose products, services, or procedures that are under consideration;
- Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes involved;
- APC(s) affected;
- Description of the issue(s);
- Clinical description of the service under discussion (with comparison to other services within the APC);
- Recommendations and rationale for change;
- Expected outcome of change; and
- Potential consequences of not making the change(s).

Form CMS-20017, Presenter/Presentation Information Checklist.

To assist presenters in meeting the above criteria, Form CMS-20017, which identifies the specific standard for Panel presentations, can be found on our Internet Web site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/forms/cms20017.pdf>.

VI. Oral Comments

In addition to formal oral presentations, there will be opportunity during the meeting for public oral comments that will be limited to 1 minute for each individual and a total of 5 minutes per organization.

VII. Meeting Attendance

The meeting is open to the public; however, attendance is limited to space available. Attendance will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis.

Persons wishing to attend this meeting, which is located on Federal property, must call or e-mail the Panel DFO to register in advance no later than 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), Monday, August 23, 2004.

The following information must be e-mailed or telephoned to the DFO by the date and time above:

- Name(s) of attendee(s),
- Title(s),
- Organization,
- E-mail address(es), and

- Telephone number(s).

VIII. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

Persons attending the meeting must present photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel before they will be allowed to enter the building.

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 Central Office (CO) complex earlier than 30 to 45 minutes prior to when the meeting convenes each day. For example, entrance into CO on Day 1 (Wednesday, September 1) would not be until 12:15 p.m., at the earliest, for the 1 p.m. meeting. Likewise, entrance into CO on Days 2 and 3 would not be until 7:15 a.m., at the earliest, for the 8 a.m. meetings.

All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower-lobby and first floor levels in CO building.

Parking permits and instructions are issued upon arrival by the guards at the main entrance on Security Boulevard.

IX. Special Accommodations

Individuals requiring sign-language interpretation or other special accommodations must send a request for these services to the DFO by 5 p.m. (e.d.t.), Monday, August 23, 2004.

Authority: Section 1833(t) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t), as amended by section 201(h) of the BBRA of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-113). The Panel is governed by the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program.)

Dated: July 8, 2004.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Grant to Center for Economic Progress of Chicago, IL; Office of Family Assistance

AGENCY: Office of Family Assistance, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Grant award announcement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that an award is being made to the Center for Economic Progress of Chicago, IL in the amount of \$50,000 to provide outreach on the Earned Income Tax Credit to TANF recipients and other low income individuals. After the appropriate reviews, it has been determined that this unsolicited proposal qualifies for funding.

The goal of the Center for Economic Progress is to increase access to tax credits and asset building opportunities for low and moderate income individuals, families and communities. The Center serves hundreds of thousands of low income taxpayers each tax filing season, and has developed critical knowledge and understanding of the experiences of the taxpayers and the barriers they face accessing the EITC and other low income tax credits.

The Center for Economic Progress is the only organization in the country that has a statewide contract with a State TANF Agency to provide EITC outreach to TANF recipients. They have distinguished itself as a Chicago, statewide and national leader through its innovative programs, partnerships with community organizations, corporate allies, and government agencies. The Center for Economic Progress is uniquely qualified to conduct this project because of its many successes in EITC outreach.

The period of this funding will extend through September 30, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Maiers, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Telephone: 202-401-5438.

Dated: July 27, 2004.

Andrew S. Bush,

Director, Office of Family Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003D-0383]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Recommended Glossary and Educational Outreach to Support Use of Symbols on Labels and in Labeling of In Vitro Diagnostic Devices Intended for Professional Use

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.