

on Code Sets, Operating Rules and Administrative Simplification. In addition, a status update will be given on NCVHS's Working Group on Data Access and Use; and the Committee will deliberate briefly on follow-up from the August 9th Executive Subcommittee Strategic Planning Session.

The agenda for the morning of the second day will consist of a review of the final action items discussed on the first day; and reports from the Subcommittees. After lunch, the Committee will be briefed on de-identification methods for Open Health data. Once the full Committee adjourns, NCVHS's Working Group on Data Access and Use will convene to discuss anticipated work products and logistical plans. Further information will be provided on the NCVHS Web site at <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>.

The times shown above are for the full Committee meeting. Subcommittee breakout sessions are scheduled for late in the afternoon on the first day and in the morning prior to the full Committee meeting on the second day. Agendas for these breakout sessions will be posted on the NCVHS Web site (URL below) when available.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where further information including an agenda will be posted when available.

Should you require reasonable accommodation, please contact the CDC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on (301) 458-4EEO (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: August 29, 2012.

**James Scanlon,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections

**AGENCY:** Office for Human Research Protections, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**AUTHORITY:** 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Committee is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), a program office in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP). SACHRP provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary, HHS, and the Assistant Secretary for Health on matters pertaining to the continuance and improvement of functions within the authority of HHS directed toward protections for human subjects in research. SACHRP was established by the Secretary, HHS, on October 1, 2002. OHRP is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to fill two positions on the Committee membership that will be vacated during the 2013 calendar year.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than October 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be mailed or delivered to Dr. Jerry Menikoff, Director, Office for Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200; Rockville, MD 20852. Nominations will not be accepted by email or by facsimile.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Gorey, Executive Director, SACHRP, Office for Human Research Protections, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852, telephone: 240-453-8141. A copy of the Committee charter and list of the current members can be obtained by contacting Ms. Gorey, accessing the SACHRP Web site at [www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp](http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp),

requesting via email at [sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee provides advice on matters pertaining to the continuance and improvement of functions within the authority of HHS directed toward protections for human subjects in research. Specifically, the Committee provides advice relating to the responsible conduct of research involving human subjects with particular emphasis on special populations such as neonates and children, prisoners, the decisionally impaired, pregnant women, embryos and fetuses, individuals and populations in international studies, investigator conflicts of interest and populations in which there are individually identifiable samples, data or information.

In addition, the Committee is responsible for reviewing selected ongoing work and planned activities of the OHRP and other offices/agencies within HHS responsible for human subjects protection. These evaluations may include, but are not limited to, a review of assurance systems, the application of minimal research risk standards, the granting of waivers, education programs sponsored by OHRP, and the ongoing monitoring and oversight of institutional review boards and the institutions that sponsor research.

*Nominations:* The OHRP is requesting nominations to fill two positions for voting members of SACHRP. Two positions will become vacant in March, 2013. Nominations of potential candidates for consideration are being sought from a wide array of fields, including, but not limited to: Public health and medicine, behavioral and social sciences, health administration, and biomedical ethics. To qualify for consideration of appointment to the Committee, an individual must possess demonstrated experience and expertise in any of the several disciplines and fields pertinent to human subjects protection and/or clinical research.

The individuals selected for appointment to the Committee can be invited to serve a term of up to four years. Committee members receive a stipend and reimbursement for per diem and any travel expenses incurred for attending Committee meetings and/or conducting other business in the interest of the Committee. Interested applicants may self-nominate.

Nominations should be typewritten. The following information should be included in the package of material submitted for each individual being

nominated for consideration: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominator's name, address, daytime telephone number, and the home and/or work address, telephone number, and email address of the individual being nominated; and (3) a current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Federal employees should not be nominated for consideration of appointment to this Committee.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of HHS Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that individuals from a broad representation of geographic areas, women and men, ethnic and minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership on HHS Federal advisory committees. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status.

Individuals who are selected to be considered for appointment will be required to provide detailed information regarding their financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts. Disclosure of this information is necessary in order to determine if the selected candidate is involved in any activity that may pose a potential conflict with the official duties to be performed as a member of SACHRP.

Dated: August 31, 2012.

**Jerry Menikoff,**

*Director, Office for Human Research Protections, Executive Secretary, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**1. Type of Information Collection Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Title of Information Collection:** Notice of Denial of Medical Coverage (or Payment); **Use:** In the July 6, 2012, **Federal Register** (77 FR 40064), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a 60-day notice regarding the information collection request approved under 0938-0829. However, due to technical difficulties, the documents associated with the information collection request were not made available to the public until August 14, 2012. Because of the technical difficulties, CMS is republishing the notice to allow the public to have a full 60-day comment period.

Section 1852(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (SSA) requires Medicare health plans to provide enrollees with a written notice in understandable language that explains the plan's reasons for denying a request for a service or payment for a service the enrollee has already received. The written notice must also include a description of the applicable appeals processes. Regulatory authority for this notice is set forth in Subpart M of Part 422 at 42 CFR 422.568, 422.572, 417.600(b), and 417.840.

Section 1932 of the Social Security Act (SSA) sets forth requirements for Medicaid managed care plans, including beneficiary protections related to appealing a denial of coverage or payment. The Medicaid managed care appeals regulations are set forth in Subpart F of Part 438 of Title 42 of the CFR. Rules on the content of the written denial notice can be found at 42 CFR 438.404.

This notice combines the existing Notice of Denial of Medicare Coverage with the Notice of Denial of Payment and includes optional language to be used in cases where a Medicare health plan enrollee also receives full Medicaid benefits that are being managed by the Medicare health plan. **Form Number:** CMS-10003 (OCN: 0938-0829). **Frequency:** Occasionally. **Affected Public:** Private Sector (business or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions). **Number of Respondents:** 665. **Total Annual Responses:** 6,960,410. **Total Annual Hours:** 1,159,604. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Gladys Wheeler at 410-786-0273. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by *November 6, 2012*:

**1. Electronically.** You may submit 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) 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.

Dated: September 4, 2012.

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