

before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by September 5, 1997. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before September 5, 1997, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Committee deliberations: On September 19, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). FDA staff will present to the committee confidential information regarding pending or future submissions.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: August 22, 1997.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[OPL-016-N]

Medicare Program; September 22, 1997, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 22, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 800, 8th Floor, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Kang, M.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 435-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue,

S.W., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-7874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians.

The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the consultation must occur before publication of the proposed changes. The Council submits an annual report on its recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, each of whom has submitted at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare or Medicaid in the previous year. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members must be doctors of medicine or osteopathy authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the States in which they practice. Members have been invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms. In accordance with section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action before the end of the 2-year term.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992.

The current members are: Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Wayne R. Carlsen, D.O.; Gary C. Dennis, M.D.; Catalina E. Garcia, M.D.; Mary T. Herald, M.D.; Ardis Hoven, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Jerilynn S. Kaibel, D.C.; Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; Marc Lowe, M.D.; Katherine L. Markette, M.D.; Derrick L. Latos, M.D.; Susan Schooley, M.D.; Maisie Tam, M.D.; and Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D. The chairperson is Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D.

Council members will receive an update on the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 as it relates to Medicare and Medicaid. The agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following topic: the Office of the Inspector General's Chief Financial Officer's Audit of the Health Care Financing Administration for Fiscal Year 1996.

Individuals or organizations who wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issue should contact the Executive Director by 12:00 noon, September 11, 1997, to be scheduled. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 12:00 noon, September 15, 1997. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Executive Director by 12:00 noon, September 17, 1997. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

(Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 45 CFR Part 11)

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

Dated: August 22, 1997.

Bruce C. Vladeck,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice Regarding Section 602 of the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 Rebate Option

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 602 of Pub. L. 102-585, the "Veterans Health Care Act of 1992," enacted section 340B of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, "Limitation on Prices of Drugs Purchased by Covered Entities." Section 340B provides that a manufacturer who sells covered outpatient drugs to eligible entities must sign a pharmaceutical pricing agreement with the Secretary of HHS in which the manufacturer agrees to charge a price for covered outpatient drugs that will not exceed that amount determined under a statutory formula.

The purpose of this notice is to request comments on the proposal of a rebate option for State AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) receiving funds under Title XXVI of the PHS Act.

DATES: The public is invited to submit comments on the proposed rebate