

**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 HCFA no 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, as well as 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 current members are: Jerold M. Aronson, M.D.; Richard Bronfman, D.P.M. (renominated—pending selection); Wayne R. Carlsen, D.O.; Gary C. Dennis, M.D.; Mary T. Herald, M.D.; Ardis D. Hoven, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Jerilynn S. Kaibel, D.C.; Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; Marc Lowe, M.D. (renominated—pending selection); Derrick K. Latos, M.D.; Sandra B. Reed, 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. The vice chairperson is Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for March 15, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., e.s.t. This meeting is open to the public and will be held in Room 800, 8th Floor, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC, 20201. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

At this meeting the Council members will be updated on the status of items discussed at previous meetings. In addition, new members will be sworn in to serve on the Council. The agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following topic:

Physicians Regulatory Issues Team (PRIT) Testimony is requested from physicians and medical organizations representing physicians regarding the regulatory requirements placed on practicing physicians. Testimony should address methods of improving a physician's administrative process, while maintaining the integrity of Federal administrative systems.

Individual physicians or medical organizations that represent physicians that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issue should contact the Executive Director by 12 noon, February 19, 1999, to be scheduled. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the presenters' oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 12 noon, February 26, 1999, for distribution to the Council members.

Any interested member of the public may submit written comments to the Executive Director and Council members for review. Comments should be received by the Executive Director by 12 noon, February 26, 1999, for distribution.

(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: February 1, 1999.

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,**  
*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections

552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group, Subcommittee G—Education.

*Date:* March 10–12, 1999.

*Time:* 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Harvey Stein, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Grants Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20892, 301-496-7481.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.298, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 5, 1999.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, SBIR Topic 173.