

2. Information in a Pamphlet

In the draft study, we tentatively determined that providing CCR-type information to customers in a pamphlet available at retail may not be the most feasible method of informing customers when other methods are available. We cited concerns over ensuring that the information in the pamphlets is current and that the pamphlets are consistently available at retail. Comments received on the draft study agreed with our assessment. Therefore, we have determined that placing pamphlets containing CCR-type information with bottled water at retail is not a feasible method of informing customers of the contents of bottled water.

3. Information Available on the Internet

In the draft study, we tentatively concluded that the Internet is not appropriate as the sole method of providing information on the contents of bottled water to customers because not all customers may have access to it. Most comments agreed with our tentative conclusion. Therefore, we have determined that the Internet is not appropriate as the sole method of providing information on the contents of bottled water to customers.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-1149-N]

Medicare Program; September 11 and 12, 2000, 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 11, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., and for September 12, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the Multipurpose Room/Auditorium, 1st Floor, Health Care Financing Administration Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Rudolf, Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 435-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20201, (202) 690-7874. News media representatives should contact the HCFA Press Office, (202) 690-6145. Please refer to the HCFA Advisory Committees Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet (<http://www.hcfa.gov/fac>) for additional information and updates on committee activities.

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: Jerold M. Aronson, Richard Bronfman, Joseph Heyman, Sandral Hullett, Stephen A. Imbeau, Jerilynn S. Kaibel, Angelyn L. Moultrie, Derrick K. Latos, Dale Lervick, Sandra B. Reed, Amilu Rothhammer, Maisie Tam, Victor Vela, Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., and Douglas L. Wood. The Council Chairperson is Derrick L. Latos.

Council members will be updated on the Provider Enrollment Form, Advance Beneficiary Notices (ABN), Physician Regulatory Issues Team (PRIT), OIG Referrals, Physician Involvement in Beneficiary Education Efforts, and Carrier Contractor National Policy Issues.

The agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following topic:

- Evaluation and Documentation Guidelines.

For additional information and clarification on the aforementioned topics, call the contact person listed above.

Individual physicians or medical organizations that represent physicians that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on agenda issues should contact the Executive Director by 12 noon, August 29, 2000, to be scheduled. Testimony is limited to listed agenda issues only. 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, September 5, 2000, for distribution to Council members for review prior to the meeting. Physicians and organizations not scheduled to speak may also submit written comments to the Executive Director and Council members.

The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodation should contact John Lanigan at (202) 690-7418 at least 10 days before the meeting.

(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 C.F.R. 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, 2000.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as