

capsulotomy as compared to one similarly designed PMMA IOL (PMMA is the only type of non-foldable IOL currently being distributed). However, the FDA has not approved a claim that Acrysof is superior to all non-foldable lenses or to any other type of foldable lens. Therefore, Alcon has not met criterion four. We conclude that the Acrysof lenses described in this notice are not NTIOLs, and, therefore, not eligible for the additional \$50 payment.

Authority: Sections 1832 (a)(2)(F)(i) and 1833(i)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(F)(i) and 1395l(i)(2)(A). (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773 Medicare-Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare-Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

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Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-3087-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee—April 16, 2002

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Executive Committee (the Committee) of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. The Committee will act upon recommendations from the Diagnostic Imaging Panel of the MCAC regarding whether and when it is scientifically justified to use FDG Positron Emission Tomography or other neuroimaging devices for the diagnosis and patient management of those with Alzheimer's disease.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)).

DATES: *The Meeting:* April 16, 2002 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., E.D.T.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: March 27, 2002, 5 p.m., E.D.T.

Special Accommodations: Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify the Executive Secretary by March 18, 2002 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

ADDRESSES: *The Meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, Room 321-322, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Presentations and Comments: Submit formal presentations and written comments to Janet A. Anderson, Executive Secretary; Office of Clinical Standards and Quality; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; 7500 Security Boulevard; Mail Stop C1-09-06; Baltimore, MD 21244.

Website: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting at www.hcfa.gov/coverage.

Hotline: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting on the CMS Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1-877-449-5659 (toll free) or in the Baltimore area (410) 786-9379.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet A. Anderson, Executive Secretary, 410-786-2700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 14, 1998, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 68780) to describe the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC), which provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. This notice announces the following April 16, 2002 public meeting of the Executive Committee (the Committee) of the MCAC.

Current Panel Members

Harold C. Sox, M.D.; Daisy Alford-Smith, Ph.D.; Wade Aubry, M.D.; Linda Bergthold, Ph.D.; Ronald M. Davis, M.D.; John H. Ferguson, M.D.; Leslie P. Francis, J.D., Ph.D.; Alan M. Garber, M.D., Ph.D.; Thomas V. Holohan, M.D., M.A.; Michael D. Maves, M.D., M.B.A.; Barbara J. McNeil, M.D., Ph.D.; Robert L. Murray, Ph.D.; Frank J. Papatheofanis, M.D., Ph.D.; Randel E. Richner, M.P.H.

Meeting Topic

The Committee will act on recommendations from the Diagnostic Imaging Panel of the MCAC regarding FDG Positron Emission Tomography imaging for Alzheimer's disease, mild cognitive impairment, and dementia.

Procedure and Agenda

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 90 minutes. The

Committee may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make a formal presentation, you must notify the Executive Secretary named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, and submit the following by the *Deadline for Presentations and Comments* date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice: a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present, and the names and addresses of proposed participants. A written copy of your presentation must be provided to the Executive Secretary before offering your public comments. We will request that you declare at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

After the public and CMS presentations, the Committee will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. The Committee will also allow approximately a 30-minute open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic. At the conclusion of the day, the members will vote, and the Committee will make its recommendation.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).

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

Dated: January 31, 2002.

Jeffrey L. Kang,

Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1214-N]

Medicare Program; March 25-26, 2002, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 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. The Council will be meeting to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. These meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t., and March 26, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. e.s.t.

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

Meeting Registration: Persons wishing to attend this meeting must contact Diana Motsiopoulos, Administrative Officer, at dmotsiopoulos@cms.hhs.gov or (410) 786-3379, at least 72 hours in advance to register. Persons not registered in advance, will not be permitted into the building and will not be permitted to attend the meeting. Persons attending the meeting will be required to show a photographic identification, preferably a valid driver's license, before entering the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Rudolf, M.D., J.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, 7500 Security Blvd., Mail Stop C5-17-14, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, 410-786-3379. News media representatives should contact the CMS Press Office, (202) 690-6145. Please refer to the CMS Advisory Committees Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet at <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/ppacsite.htm> for additional information and updates on committee activities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary 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 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of fifteen physicians, each of whom must have submitted at least two hundred fifty claims for physicians' services under

Title XVIII in the previous year. Members shall include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and under served urban areas. At least eleven members of the Council shall be physicians as described in section 1861(r)(1) (that is, M.D. or D.O.). The remaining four members may include dentists, podiatrists, optometrists and chiropractors. Members serve for overlapping 4-year terms; terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action prior to its termination. Section 1868(a) of the Act provides that nominations to the Secretary for Council membership must be made by medical organizations representing physicians.

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

The current members are: Jerold M. Aronson, M.D.; James Bergeron, M.D.; Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Joseph Heyman, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Stephen A. Imbeau, M.D.; Joe Johnson, D.O.; Angelyn L. Moultrie-Lizana, D.O.; Dale Lervick, O.D.; Michael T. Rapp, M.D.; Sandra B. Reed, M.D.; Amilu Rothhammer, M.D.; Victor Vela, M.D.; Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D.; and Douglas L. Wood, M.D.

The meeting will commence with a Council update on the status of prior recommendations, followed by discussion and comment on the following agenda topics:

- Physician's Regulatory Issues Team Update
- Update on Physician Fee Schedule
- Sustainable Growth Rate 2003
- Evaluation & Management Guidelines
- Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Privacy Rule
- Contractor Billing and Operations—Claims Processing

For additional information and clarification on these topics, contact the Executive Director, listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Individual physicians or medical organizations that represent physicians wishing to make a 5-minute oral presentation on agenda issues should contact the Executive Director by 12 noon, March 11, 2002, to be scheduled. Testimony is limited to agenda topics only. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the presenter's oral remarks must be submitted to Diana Motsiopoulos, Administrative Officer not later than 12 noon, March 11, 2002, for distribution to Council members for review prior to the meeting. Physicians and medical organizations not scheduled to speak

may also submit written comments to the Administrative Officer for distribution. 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 Diana Motsiopoulos at dmotsiopoulos@cms.hhs.gov or (410) 786-3379 at least 10 days before the meeting.

Authority: (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)).

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

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Thomas A. Scully,
Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held by teleconference on March 6, 2002, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Food and Drug Administration, Bldg. 29, conference room 121, 8800 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. This meeting will be held by a telephone conference call. A speaker telephone will be provided in the conference room to allow public participation in the meeting.

Contact Person: Jody G. Sachs or Denise H. Royster, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) (HFM-71), Food and Drug Administration,