

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the NCVHS Work Group on Quality with expert opinion and information about the adequacy of existing health data systems for supporting quality measurement at the individual practitioner level and to identify needed improvements in existing data and data collection mechanisms. The scope of interest includes administrative data, vital records data, medical records data and survey data. At the meeting, an invited panel of experts will provide their perspectives on these issues.

In addition, the Work Group will hear from invited panels of experts about topic areas to be included in the National Healthcare Quality Report, including the Preliminary Measure Set for the report now under development within the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The AHRQ Preliminary Measure Set will be available on the AHRQ website after July 12. The Institute of Medicine has recommended a framework and criteria for selecting measures for the National Healthcare Quality Report, and AHRQ has prepared a draft list of proposed topic areas and measures to be included. Information about the AHRQ Preliminary Measure Set may be obtained by contacting: Ed Kelly, Ph.D., Senior Service Fellow, National Healthcare Quality Report, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852, ekelly@ahrq.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of NCVHS Committee members may be obtained from Stanely Edinger Ph.D., Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Subcommittee on Special Populations, Working Group on Quality, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6011 East Jefferson Street, Suite 200, #106, Rockville, MD 20852, telephone (301) 594-1598; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>, where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure.

Time and Date: 9 a.m. 1-4 p.m., July 24, 2002.

Place: Hotel Monaco, 225 North Wabash, Chicago, IL 60601.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure will hold a hearing to explore standards issues related to personal health and population health issues, and attend to other business as required.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Mary Jo Deering, Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Health and Science, DHHS, Room 738G, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 260-2552, or Majorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Executive Subcommittee.

Time and Date: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., July 26, 2002

Place: Hotel Monaco, 225 North Wabash, Chicago, IL 60601.

Status: Open.

Purpose: This meeting of the Executive Subcommittee will be held for Committee work planning purposes. The Subcommittee will plan future Committee meetings and review work plans for 2002 and early 2003. Strategic planning will include organizing and integrating agenda issues across priorities, reviewing the efficiency and effectiveness of the current Committee structure and meeting schedule, and positioning the Committee to address new and emerging topics.

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, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where further information will be posted when available.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498-1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.