

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.–5 p.m., January 27, 2003; 9 a.m.–4 p.m., January 28, 2003.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 705A, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The hearing will focus on two broad issues. First, the national information infrastructure (NII)—advanced computing and communications technologies—and how the health sector's needs can be served by the NII. Speakers representing advanced R&D activities will be joined by health experts. Second, the personal health dimension of the National Health Information Infrastructure is outlined in the NCVHS report, "Information for Health." Speakers will address such issues as how a personal health record (PHR) can help support individual health and health care needs, and the technical issues related to a PHR.

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) 260-2652, or Marjorie 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.

Dated: January 7, 2003.

James Scanlon,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of a Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting.

The Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel is a group of experts in fields related to health care research who are invited by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ), and agree to be available, to conduct on an as needed basis, scientific reviews of applications for AHRQ support. Individual members of the Panel do not attend regularly-scheduled meetings and do not serve for fixed terms or long periods of time. Rather, they are asked to participate in particular review meetings which require their type of expertise.

Substantial segments of the upcoming SEP meeting listed below will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications for AHRQ National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant (T32) Awards are to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

SEP Meeting on: AHRQ National Research Service Awards Institutional Research Training Grant (T32) Awards.

Date: February 23–25, 2003 (Open on February 23 from 7 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the nonconfidential portions of this meeting should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1846.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices: Conference Call Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following Federal advisory committee conference call meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Time and Date: 2–4 p.m., January 14, 2003.

Place: The conference call will originate at the National Immunization Program (NIP), in Atlanta, Georgia. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details on accessing the conference call.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the availability of telephone ports.

Purpose: The Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the appropriate uses of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. 1396s, the Committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the list of vaccines for administration to vaccine-eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, along with schedules regarding the appropriate periodicity, dosage, and contraindications applicable to the vaccines.

Matters to be Discussed: The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will convene by conference call to discuss the draft Supplemental Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) for Use of Smallpox Vaccine in a Pre-Event Smallpox Vaccination Program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This conference call is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. To participate in the conference call, please dial 1-800-713-1971 and enter conference code 270461. You will then be automatically connected to the call.

As provided under 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), the public health urgency of this agency business requires that the meeting be held prior to the first available date for publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Demetria Gardner, Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, National Immunization Program, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, (E-61), Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639–8096, fax 404/639–8616.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both the CDC and ATSDR.

Dated: January 13, 2003.

Burma Burch,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following council meeting.

Name: Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., February 4, 2003. 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m., February 5, 2003.

Place: Corporate Square, Building 8, 1st Floor Conference Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639–8008.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis. Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has

been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include issues pertaining to latent TB Infection, United States Agency for International Development Initiatives in Tuberculosis, and other TB related topics.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Paulette Ford-Knights, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S E-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639–8008.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: January 13, 2003.

Burma Burch,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to

be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 478.18, 478.34, 478.36, and 478.42, QIO Reconsiderations and Appeals; *Form No.:* CMS–R–72 (OMB# 0938–0443); *Use:* These regulations contain procedures for QIOs (formerly known as PROs) to use in reconsideration of initial determinations. The information requirements contained in these regulations are on QIOs to provide information to parties requesting a reconsideration. These parties will use the information as guidelines for appeal rights in instances where issues are still in dispute.; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households and Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 2,509; *Total Annual Responses:* 5,228; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,882.

(2) *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Part A Provider and Durable Medical Equipment Supplier Satisfaction Survey; *Form No.:* CMS–10042 (OMB# 0938–NEW); *Use:* This is a request for clearance of a survey questionnaire to conduct a standardized random sample of Part A providers' and DME suppliers' satisfaction of their experience with their Medicare contractor's performance in its administration of the Medicare-fee-for-service program. The purpose of this study is to develop a baseline measure of providers' and suppliers' satisfaction with Medicare contractors by administering a survey to 15,000 providers and suppliers, 5,000 serviced by each of the following contractors: Connecticut General Life Insurance Company (CIGNA)–D, Palmetto Government Business Administrators (PBGA)–D, and United Government Services, LLC (UGS)–Part A. The data collected will be interpreted to produce indicators of the contractor's quality of performance.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 4,500; *Total Annual Responses:* 4,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,125.

(3) *Type of Information Request:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Data Collection for Administering the Survey for the Evaluation of the Demonstration to Maintain Independence and