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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-2298-N]

#### Medicaid Program; Town Hall Forum on Access to Dental Care for Medicaid-Eligible Children; April 6, 2009

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a town hall forum to discuss access to dental care for Medicaid eligible children. Beneficiaries, providers, dentists, industry representatives, and other interested parties are invited to this meeting to present their views, concerns, and recommendations related to oral health issues. The forum is open to the public, but attendance is limited to space available.

**DATES:** *Meeting Date:* The town hall forum will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., eastern daylight time (e.d.t.).

*Deadline for Meeting Registration:* Registrations must be received by Wednesday, April 1, 2009, by 5 p.m., e.d.t.

*Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations:* Participants requiring special accommodations should contact Cindy Ruff at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by Friday, March 27, 2009, by 5 p.m., e.d.t.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting Location: The town hall forum will be held in the auditorium at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

*Meeting Registration:* Participants may register via e-mail at [Cynthia.Ruff@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Ruff@cms.hhs.gov) or by regular

mail at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, 7500 Security Boulevard, S2-01-16, Baltimore, MD 21244.

*Inquires:* Send inquiries about this meeting via email to [Cynthia.ruff@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Cynthia.ruff@cms.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Ruff, 410-786-5916.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In response to Congressional hearings and Federal studies regarding access to dental care for Medicaid eligible children, we performed 16 State dental reviews in 2008. We recently published a National Summary of those State reviews and identified several opportunities for improving dental care for individuals eligible for Medicaid. We proposed to have a Town Hall Forum to discuss these opportunities. The Forum will provide a venue for participants to provide feedback to us on various oral health issues and to discuss best practices and innovative delivery models for dental care. We will work with co-facilitators, the National Association of State Medicaid Directors and the American Dental Association, in presenting the Forum.

##### II. Meeting Format

The meeting will begin with introductions of the individuals participating in the meeting and an overview of the goal and objectives of the meeting. There will be a brief overview of the role and functions of Federal and State programs in delivering dental care to individuals eligible for Medicaid. There will be an opportunity for several States to briefly present information on a promising oral health practice in their State. The third portion of the Forum will focus on discussion of delivery of dental services through managed care organizations, payment issues, best practices/innovative delivery models, and recommendations for education and outreach to dental providers and Medicaid enrollees.

Prior to the Town Hall Forum, we will distribute information via the CMS Web site including an agenda and a set of questions to be addressed at the Forum. The materials will be posted on the CMS web site at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidSCHIPQualPrac/02\\_whatnewinquality.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicaidSCHIPQualPrac/02_whatnewinquality.asp#TopOfPage). Registered participants may submit additional questions/comments to be considered for discussion at the Forum.

##### III. Registration Instructions

There is no registration fee associated with attending the meeting. All individuals must register to attend. Because this meeting will be located on Federal property, for security reasons any persons wishing to attend must register at one of the addresses specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice. Please provide your full name (as it appears on your State-issued driver's license), address, organization, telephone, fax number(s), and e-mail address. You will receive a registration confirmation with instructions for your arrival at the CMS complex or you will be notified the seating capacity has been reached. The meeting is limited to registered persons, and seating capacity is limited to the first 250 registrants.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations should contact Cindy Ruff at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice.

##### IV. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

This meeting will be held in a Federal government building; therefore, Federal security measures are applicable. We recommend that confirmed registrants arrive at CMS reasonably early, but no earlier than 45 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, to allow additional time to clear security. Security measures include the following:

- Presentation of government-issued photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel.
- Inspection of vehicle's interior and exterior (this includes engine and trunk inspection) at the entrance to the grounds. Parking permits and instructions will be issued after the vehicle inspection.
- Inspection, via metal detector or other applicable means of all persons brought entering the building. We note that all items brought into CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of presentation or to support a presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for presentation or to support a presentation.

**Note:** Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the

meeting. The public may not enter the building earlier than 45 minutes prior to the convening of the meeting.

All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower and first floor levels in the Central Building.

**Authority:** Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program.

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**Kerry Weems,**

*Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1562-N]

#### Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, March 9, 2009

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a quarterly meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council). The Council will meet to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** *Meeting Date:* Monday, March 9, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.d.t.

*Deadline for Registration without Oral Presentation:* Thursday, March 5, 2009, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Registration of Oral Presentations:* Friday, February 20, 2009,

12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Submission of Oral Remarks and Written Comments:* Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 12 noon, e.s.t.

*Deadline for Requesting Special Accommodations:* Monday, March 2, 2009, 12 noon, e.s.t.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* The meeting will be held in Room 705A, in the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

*Submission of Testimony:* Testimonies should be mailed to Kelly Buchanan, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail

stop C4-13-07, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, or contact the DFO via e-mail at [PPAC\\_hhs@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PPAC_hhs@cms.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Buchanan, DFO, (410) 786-6132, or e-mail [PPAC\\_hhs@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PPAC_hhs@cms.hhs.gov). News media representatives must 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.cms.hhs.gov/home/regsguidance.asp> for additional information and updates on committee activities.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the quarterly meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council). The Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and manual instructions related to physician services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the Council's consultation must occur before **Federal Register** 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 (CMS) not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, including the Chair. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members of the Council must be physicians as described in section 1861(r)(1) of the Act; that is, State-licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy. The remaining 4 members may include dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, and chiropractors. Members serve for overlapping 4-year terms.

Section 1868(a)(2) of the Act provides that the Council meet quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and manual issuances that relate to physicians' services, identified by the Secretary. Section 1868(a)(3) of the Act provides for payment of expenses and per diem for Council

members in the same manner as members of other advisory committees appointed by the Secretary. In addition to making these payments, the Department of Health and Human Services and CMS provide management and support services to the Council. The Secretary will appoint new members to the Council from among those candidates determined to have the expertise required to meet specific agency needs in a manner to ensure appropriate balance of the Council's membership.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992. The current members are: John E. Arradondo, M.D., MPH; Vincent J. Bufalino, M.D., Chairperson; Joseph A. Giaimo, D.O.; Pamela A. Howard, M.D.; Roger L. Jordan, O.D.; Janice A. Kirsch, M.D.; Tye J. Ouzounian, M.D.; Gregory J. Przybylski, M.D.; Jeffrey A. Ross, DPM, M.D.; Jonathan E. Siff, M.D., MBA; Fredrica E. Smith, M.D.; Arthur D. Snow, Jr., M.D.; M. Leroy Sprang, M.D.; Christopher J. Standaert, M.D.; and Karen S. Williams, M.D.

##### II. Meeting Format and Agenda

The meeting will commence with the Council's Executive Director providing a status report, and the CMS responses to the recommendations made by the Council at the December 8, 2008 meeting, as well as prior meeting recommendations. Additionally, an update will be provided on the Physician Regulatory Issues Team. In accordance with the Council charter, we are requesting assistance with the following agenda topics:

- Value-Based Purchasing.
- 9th Scope of Work.
- Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) Update.
- Local Coverage Determination Process.
- National Coverage Determination Process.
- Medicare Appeals Process.

For additional information and clarification on these topics, contact the DFO as provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Individual physicians or medical organizations that represent physicians wishing to present a 5-minute oral testimony on agenda issues must register with the DFO by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Testimony is limited to agenda topics only. The number of oral testimonies may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the presenter's oral remarks must be submitted to the DFO for distribution to Council members for review before the meeting by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Physicians and medical organizations