

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts**

Section 30.18 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest, which is determined and fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after considering private consumer rates of interest on the date that the Department of Health and Human Services becomes entitled to recovery. The rate cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." The Secretary of the Treasury may revise this rate quarterly. The Department of Health and Human Services publishes this rate in the **Federal Register**.

The current rate of 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. This interest rate is effective until the Secretary of the Treasury notifies the Department of Health and Human Services of any change.

Dated: October 30, 2009.

Molly P. Dawson,

Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; HIT Standards Committee Advisory Meeting; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: HIT Standards Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic

exchange and use of health information for purposes of adoption, consistent with the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan, and in accordance with policies developed by the HIT Policy Committee.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on November 19, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Eastern Time.

Location: The Holiday Inn-Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20008. The hotel telephone number is 202-479-4000.

Contact Person: Judy Sparrow, Office of the National Coordinator, HHS, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, 202-205-4528, Fax: 202-690-6079, e-mail: judy.sparrow@hhs.gov. Please call the contact person for up-to-date information on this meeting. A notice in the **Federal Register** about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice.

Agenda: The Committee will discuss a report from its Implementation Workgroup. In addition, to inform the Committee they will hear testimony from stakeholder groups on security standards. ONC intends to make background material available to the public no later than two (2) business days prior to the meeting. If ONC is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, it will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on ONC's Web site after the meeting, at <http://healthit.hhs.gov>.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before November 16, 2009. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled between approximately 4:30 and 5 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, ONC will take written comments after the meeting until close of business.

Persons attending ONC's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

ONC welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings. Seating is limited at the location, and ONC will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Judy

Sparrow at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

ONC is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our Web site at <http://healthit.hhs.gov> for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).

Dated: October 30, 2009.

Judith Sparrow,

Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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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 (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Full Committee Meeting.

Time and Date:

November 19, 2009 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

November 20, 2009 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Place: National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782, Telephone: 301 458-4200.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting the Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics. On the morning of the first day, the Committee will hear updates from the Department, the HHS Data Council, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A discussion of the Meaningful Measures letter action item led by the Quality Subcommittee will also take place. There will also be a briefing on the Department's work on comparative effectiveness research under the Recovery Act. In the afternoon, a discussion is scheduled regarding enhancing health information capacity in the 21st century.

On the morning of the second day, an action item is scheduled on the Meaningful Measures letter. Updates are planned from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and a review of a draft of the biannual report to Congress on the implementation of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of HIPAA. Also scheduled are an update from NCHS Board of Scientific Counselors and a status report regarding the NVCHS 60th Anniversary Symposium.

The times shown above are for the full Committee meeting. Subcommittee breakout sessions can be scheduled for late in the afternoon of the first day and second day and in the morning prior to the full Committee