burden hours described above. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data for 2008 (most recent available whole-year information), the average compensation for producers and distributors in the fuel industry is $27.28 per hour and $9.46 per hour for service station employees; the average compensation for workers in the vehicle industry is $30.18 per hour.

Non-liquid Alternative Fuels:

Certification and labeling: Generally, all of the estimated hours except for recordkeeping will be performed by producers and distributors of fuels. Thus, the associated labor costs would be $24,279. [(550 certification hours + 340 labeling hours) × $27.28]

Recordkeeping: Only 1/6 of the total recordkeeping hours will be performed by the producers and distributors of fuels (1/6 of 190 hours = approximately 32 hours; 32 hours × $27.28 = $872.96); the other 5/6 is attributable to service station employees (5/6 of 190 hours = approximately 158 hours; 158 hours × $9.46 = $1,494.68). Thus, the labor cost due to recordkeeping for the entire industry is approximately $2,368 ($872.96 for producers and distributors of fuels + $1,494.68 for service station employees).

The total paperwork related labor cost for the entire industry (Non-liquid alternative fuels) is approximately $26,647 ($24,279 for certification and labeling costs + $2,368 for recordkeeping costs).

AFV manufacturers:

The maximum labor cost for the entire industry (AFV manufacturers) is approximately $1,128,370 per year for recordkeeping and producing and posting labels (37,388 hours × $30.18/ hour).

Thus, the estimated total labor cost for both industries for all paperwork requirements is $1,155,017 ($26,647 + $1,128,370) per year, rounded.

(3) Estimated annual non-labor cost burden: $426,251 rounded (includes both Non-liquid Alternative Fuels and AFV Manufacturers).

Non-liquid Alternative Fuels:

Staff believes that there are no current start-up costs associated with the Rule, inasmuch as the Rule has been effective since 1995. Industry members, therefore, have in place the capital equipment and means necessary to determine automotive fuel ratings and comply with the Rule. Industry members, however, incur the cost of procuring fuel dispenser and AFV labels to comply with the Rule. The estimated annual fuel labeling cost, based on estimates of 560 fuel dispensers (assumptions: an estimated 20% of 1,400 total fuel retailers need to replace labels in any given year given an approximate five-year life for labels—i.e., 280 retailers—multiplied by an average of two dispensers per retailer) at thirty-eight cents for each label (per industry sources), is $212.8 ($0.38 × 560).

AFV Manufacturers:

Here, too, staff believes that there are no current start-up costs associated with the Rule, for the same reasons as stated immediately above regarding the non-liquid alternative fuel industry. However, based on the labeling of an estimated 1,121,153 new and used AFVs each year at thirty-eight cents for each label (per industry sources), the annual AFV labeling cost is estimated to be $426,038.14 ($0.38 × 1,121,153).

Thus, the estimated total annual non-labor cost burden associated with the Rule is $426,251 ($212.8 + $426,038.14), rounded.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; HIT Standards Committee’s Workgroup Meetings; Notice of Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

This notice announces forthcoming subcommittee meetings of a federal advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The meetings will be open to the public via dial-in access only.


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 HIT Standards Committee Workgroups will hold the following public meetings during the month of January 2010: January 21st Clinical Operations’ Vocabulary Task Force, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m./Eastern Time; January 26th Implementation Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./Eastern Time; January 26th Privacy & Security Workgroup, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m./Eastern Time; and January 28th Clinical Quality Workgroup, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m./Eastern Time.

Location: All workgroup meetings will be available via webcast; visit http://healthit.hhs.gov for instructions on how to listen via telephone or Web. Please check the ONC Web site for additional information as it becomes available.

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 these meetings. 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 workgroups will be discussing issues related to their specific subject matter, e.g., clinical operations standards, clinical quality standards, privacy and security standards, and implementation activities. If background materials are associated with the workgroup meetings, they will be posted on ONC’s Web site prior to 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 workgroups. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before two days prior to the workgroups’ meeting date. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled at the conclusion of each workgroup meeting. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public session, ONC will take written comments after the meeting until close of business on that day.

If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Judy Sparrow at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; HIT Policy Committee’s Workgroup Meetings; Notice of Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

This notice announces forthcoming subcommittee meetings of a federal advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The meetings will be open to the public via dial-in access only.

Name of Committees: HIT Policy Committee’s Workgroups: Meaningful Use, Privacy & Security Policy, Strategic Plan, and Nationwide Health Information Infrastructure (NHIN) workgroups.

General Function of the Committee: To provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that permits the electronic exchange and use of health information as is consistent with the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and that includes recommendations on the areas in which standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are needed.

Date and Time: The HIT Policy Committee Workgroups will hold the following public meetings during the month of January 2010: January 8th Meaningful Use Workgroup, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m./Eastern Time; January 11th Privacy & Security Policy Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./Eastern Time; January 12th Strategic Plan Workgroup, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m./Eastern Time; January 22nd Privacy & Security Policy Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./Eastern Time; and January 28th Meaningful Use Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./Eastern Time.

Location: All workgroup meetings will be available via webinar; visit http://healthit.hhs.gov for instructions on how to listen via telephone or Web. Please check the ONC Web site for additional information as it becomes available.

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Agenda: The workgroups will be discussing issues related to their specific subject matter, e.g., meaningful use, the NHIN, privacy and security policy, or strategic planning. If background materials are associated with the workgroup meetings, they will be posted on ONC’s Web site prior to the meeting at http://healthit.hhs.gov.

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Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).


Judy 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

Office of the Secretary

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is reorganizing the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA) located within the Office of the Secretary (OS). The reorganization is designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the office by consolidating the administrative functions under ASA. The Office of the Secretary Executive Office will also be dissolved, and the administrative functions will be consolidated with similar functions already performed by existing offices within OS.


1. Part A, Office of the Secretary, Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is being amended at Chapter AJ, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA), which was last amended at 74 FR 57679–82, dated November 9, 2009, at 74 FR 297–301, dated January 5, 2009, at 72 FR 40155–57, dated July 23, 2007, as follows:

   A. Under “Section AJ.10 Organization,” delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

   Section AJ.10 Organization. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA) is under the direction of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, who reports to the Secretary, and consists of the following components:

   • Immediate Office (AJ).
   • Office of Human Resources (AJA).
   • Office for Facilities Management and Policy (AJE).
   • Office of the Chief Information Officer (AJI).