DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Establishment of the Personal Care Attendants Workforce Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Office, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.


SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announces establishment of the Personal Care Attendants Workforce Advisory Panel, as directed by section 8002 of Public Law 111–148.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret Reiser, Department of Health and Human Services; Telephone (202) 690–7858, Fax (202) 690–7383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111–148, the President directed that the Committee shall be established within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). To comply with the authorizing directive and guidelines under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), a charter has been filed with the Committee Management Secretariat in the General Services Administration (GSA), the appropriate committees in the Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, and the Library of Congress to establish the Commission as a non-discretionary Federal advisory committee. The Secretary signed the charter on June 4, 2010. The charter was filed on June 7, 2010.

Objectives and Scope of Activities. The Personal Care Attendants Workforce Advisory Panel is the Department’s statutory public advisory body on personal care attendant workforce issues related to the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act in the Affordable Care Act. With sensitivity to policy considerations and priorities, the Committee will provide advice and guidance on issues related to the adequacy of the number of personal care attendant workers, the salaries, wages, and benefits, and access to the services provided by personal care attendant workers. The Committee shall assist and advise the Department on personal care attendant workforce policy as it pertains to the Department, States, local governments and the private sector.

Membership and Designation. The Secretary is soliciting nominations for appointment to the 15-member Advisory Panel from among members of the general public who are individuals who have distinguished themselves in the fields of long-term services and supports; aging and disability populations and services; practices that help reduce high personal care attendant workforce vacancy and turnover rates; Medicaid, Medicare, the Older Americans Act and the Workforce Investment System; community residential services; and policy analysis and development related to the financing, access, provision and quality of health care services. Each member of the Advisory Panel shall be appointed for a term of 2 years. Nominations shall be submitted to Margaret Reiser, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 415F, Washington, DC, 20201 no later than June 18, 2010. Any vacancy on the Advisory Panel shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made. An individual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member replaced. A Chair will be designated from among its members. Members who are selected from the Federal sector to fill positions on the Committee will be classified as regular government employees. The Committee members who are selected from the public and/or private sector will be classified as special government employees.

Administrative Management and Support. HHS will provide funding and administrative support for the Committee to the extent permitted by law within existing appropriations. Staff will be assigned to a program office established to support the activities of the Committee. Management and oversight for support services provided to the Committee will be the responsibility of the CLASS Office. All executive departments and agencies and all entities within the Executive Office of the President shall provide information and assistance to the Committee as the Chair may request for purposes of carrying out the Committee’s functions, to the extent permitted by law.

A copy of the Commission charter can be obtained from the designated contacts or by accessing the FACIA database that is maintained by the GSA Committee Management Secretariat. The
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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, Adoption/Certification, Enrollment, Privacy & Security Tiger Team, and Nationwide Health Information Infrastructure (NHN) 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 additional public meetings during June 2010: June 22nd Privacy & Security Tiger Team, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m./ET; June 25th Enrollment Workgroup, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m./ET; June 28th Enrollment Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m./ET and Privacy & Security Tiger Team, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m./ET. In addition, the June 28th Privacy & Security Policy Workgroup, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m./ET, has been cancelled.

Location: All workgroup meetings will be available via webcast; for instructions on how to listen via telephone or Web visit http://healthit.hhs.gov. 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 affect 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., meaningful use, the NHIN, privacy and security, or enrollment. 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.

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. No. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).

Dated: June 8, 2010.

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

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National Vaccine Advisory Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) will hold two teleconference meetings. The meetings are open to the public. Pre-registration is not required, however, individuals who wish to participate in the public comment sessions should either e-mail nvpo@hhs.gov or call 202–690–5560 to register.

DATES: The meeting dates are:
1. July 27, 2010, 1 p.m.–2 p.m. EDT.
2. August 25, 2010, 1 p.m.–2 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will occur by teleconference. To attend, please call 1–888–677–1385, passcode “NVAC.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Salmon, National Vaccine Program Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 715–H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201. Phone: (202) 690–5566; Fax: (202) 260–1165; e-mail: nvpo@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 2101 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Section 300aa-1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services was mandated to establish the National Vaccine Program to achieve optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through immunization and to achieve optimal prevention against adverse reactions to vaccines. The National Vaccine Advisory Committee was established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director of the National Vaccine Program, on matters related to the Program’s responsibilities. The Assistant Secretary for Health serves as Director of the National Vaccine Program.

These are special meetings of the NVAC. Discussions will focus on the work of the Vaccine Safety Risk Assessment Working Group (VSRAWG) and the reports that it generates. The reports will summarize the work to-date of the H1N1 VSRAWG reviewing H1N1 safety monitoring data. These NVAC meetings may also include topics beyond the VSRAWG such as the