

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: November 9, 2010.

**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**

**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.

*Name of Committees:* HIT Standards Committee's Workgroups: Clinical Operations Vocabulary, Implementation, and Privacy & Security workgroups.

*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 December 2010: December 2nd Implementation Workgroup, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m./ET; and Clinical Operations Workgroup and Vocabulary Task Force meetings TBD.

*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](mailto: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., clinical operations vocabulary standards, implementation opportunities and challenges, and privacy and security standards 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.

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).

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**Judith Sparrow,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Medicare Program; Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports**

**AGENCY:** Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports (Panel). Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)). The Panel will discuss the long-term rate of change in health spending and may make recommendations to the Medicare Trustees on how the Trustees might more accurately estimate health spending in the long run. The Panel's

discussion is expected to be very technical in nature and will focus on the actuarial and economic assumptions and methods by which Trustees might more accurately measure health spending. Although panelists are not limited in the topics they may discuss, the Panel is not expected to discuss or recommend changes in current or future Medicare provider payment rates or coverage policy. This notice also announces the appointment of nine individuals to serve as members of the Panel.

*Meeting Date:* November 23, 2010, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. e.d.t.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at HHS headquarters at 200 Independence Ave., SW., 20201, Room 738G.

*Comments:* The meeting will allocate time on the agenda to hear public comments. In lieu of oral comments, formal written comments may be submitted for the record to Donald T. Oellerich, OASPE, 200 Independence Ave., SW., 20201, Room 405F. Those submitting written comments should identify themselves and any relevant organizational affiliations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donald T. Oellerich (202) 690-8410, [Don.oellerich@hhs.gov](mailto:Don.oellerich@hhs.gov). **Note:** Although the meeting is open to the public, procedures governing security procedures and the entrance to Federal buildings may change without notice. Those wishing to attend the meeting must call or e-mail Dr. Oellerich by Friday November 19, 2010, so that their name may be put on a list of expected attendees and forwarded to the security officers at HHS Headquarters.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 30, 2010, we published a notice announcing the establishment and requesting nominations for individuals to serve on the Panel. This notice also announces the appointment of nine individuals to serve as members of the Panel. They are: Joseph Newhouse, John Bertko, Barry Bosworth, Michael Chernew, John Cookson, Uwe Reinhardt, Geoffrey Sandler, Louise Sheiner, and Cori Uccello.

*Topics of the Meeting:* The Panel is specifically charged with discussing and possibly making recommendations to the Medicare Trustees on how the Trustees might more accurately estimate the long term rate of health spending in the United States. The discussion is expected to focus on highly technical aspects of estimation involving economics and actuarial science. Panelists are not restricted, however, in the topics that they choose to discuss.

*Procedure and Agenda:* This meeting is open to the public. First, the

appointees will be sworn in by a Federal official. Each Panel member will then be given an opportunity to make a self introduction. The Panel will likely hear presentations from HHS staff introducing them to the topic. After any presentations, the Commission will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Panel will not hear public comments during this time. The Commission will also allow an open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 217a; Section 222 of the Public Health Services Act, as amended. The panel is governed by provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Dated: November 9, 2010.

**Sherry Glied,**

*Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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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:** December 1, 2010, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m., December 2, 2010, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Place:** Marriott Washington Hotel, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, (202) 872-1500.

**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 and the Office of the National Coordinator. There will also be a report on the NCVHS Executive Subcommittee's discussion of the Committee's review and decision-information flow process. In the afternoon there will be a discussion of a letter to the HHS Secretary regarding the quality measures roadmap.

On the morning of the second day there will be a review of the final letter to the Secretary regarding the quality measures roadmap. There will also be

an update from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and an update on HHS Data Initiatives from the Department. Subcommittees will also present their reports.

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 meeting on the second day. Agendas for these breakout sessions will be posted on the NCVHS Web site (URL below) when available.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where further information including an agenda will be posted when available.

Should you require reasonable accommodation, please contact the CDC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on (301) 458-4EEO (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: November 15, 2010.

**James Scanlon,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation—Science and Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 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 function; (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:** Physician Self-Referral Exceptions for Electronic Prescribing and Electronic Health Records; **Form Number:** CMS-10207 (OMB#: 0938-1009); **Use:** Section 101 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) directed the Secretary to create an exception to the physician self-referral prohibition in section 1877 of the Social Security Act for certain arrangements in which a physician receives compensation in the form of items or services (not including cash or cash equivalents) ("nonmonetary remuneration") that is necessary and used solely to receive and transmit electronic prescription information. Also, CMS created a separate regulatory exception for certain arrangements involving the provision of nonmonetary remuneration in the form of electronic health records software or information technology and training services necessary and used predominantly to create, maintain, transmit, or receive electronic health records.

The conditions for both exceptions require that arrangements for the items and services provided must be set forth in a written agreement, be signed by the parties involved, specify the items or services being provided and the cost of those items or services, and cover all of the electronic prescribing and/or electronic health records technology to be provided by the donating entity. CMS would use the collected information for enforcement purposes; specifically, if we were investigating the financial relationships between the donors and the physicians to determine whether the provisions in the exceptions were met. **Frequency:** Occasionally; **Affected Public:** Private Sector: Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; **Number of Respondents:** 9,796; **Total Annual Responses:** 38,959; **Total Annual Hours:** 12,451.5. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kristin Bohl at 410-