

continuing refinement of the Common Formats. AHRQ welcomes questions from prospective meeting participants and interested individuals on the technical specifications for Common Formats. These questions should be e-mailed to support@psoppc.ORG no later than April 27, 2011. AHRQ will use the input received at this meeting as we continue to update and refine the Common Formats.

A summary of the meeting will be provided upon request. If you are unable to participate in the meeting and would like a copy of the summary, please send an e-mail to support@psoppc.ORG and it will be sent as soon as it is available after the meeting.

Dated: March 15, 2011.

Carolyn M. Clancy,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting for the aforementioned committee:

Time and Date: 11 a.m.–2 p.m., April 20, 2011.

Place: Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll-free, dial-in number is 1-866-659-0537 and the pass code is 9933701.

Status: Open to the public, but without a public comment period.

Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines, which have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule; advice on methods of dose reconstruction, which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule; advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program; and advice on petitions to add

classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, most recently, August 3, 2009, and will expire on August 3, 2011.

Purpose: This Advisory Board is charged with (a) Providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda for the conference call includes: NIOSH 10-Year Review of its Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) Program; Subcommittee and Work Group Updates; DCAS SEC Petition Evaluations Update for the May 2011 Advisory Board Meeting; and Board Correspondence.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

Because there is not a public comment period, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be included in the official record of the meeting and should be submitted to the contact person below in advance of the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Theodore M. Katz, M.P.A., Executive Secretary, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE., Mailstop: E-20, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (513) 533-6800, Toll Free 1-800-CDC-INFO, E-mail ocas@cdc.gov.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: March 18, 2011.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews (SDRR), Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting for the aforementioned subcommittee:

Time and Date: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., April 18, 2011.

Place: Cincinnati Airport Marriott, 2395 Progress Drive, Hebron, Kentucky 41018. Telephone (859) 334-4611, Fax (859) 334-4619.

Status: Open to the public, but without a public comment period. To access by conference call dial the following information 1 (866) 659-0537, Participant Pass Code 9933701.

Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines that have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule; advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule; advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program; and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and will expire on August 3, 2011.

Purpose: The Advisory Board is charged with (a) Providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood

that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class. The Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews was established to aid the Advisory Board in carrying out its duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on dose reconstruction.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda for the Subcommittee meeting includes: Selection of individual radiation dose reconstruction cases to be considered for review by the Procedures Subcommittee to evaluate the implementation of the Program Evaluation Report: OCAS-PER-012—Evaluation of Highly Insoluble Plutonium Compounds; discussion of dose reconstruction cases under review (sets 7–9); OCAS dose reconstruction quality management and assurance activities.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

In the event an individual cannot attend, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be provided at the meeting and should be submitted to the contact person below well in advance of the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Theodore Katz, Executive Secretary, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop E-20, Atlanta GA 30333, Telephone (513) 533-6800, Toll Free 1 (800) CDC-INFO, E-mail ocas@cdc.gov.

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Dated: March 21, 2011.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Solicitation of Two Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits nominations of two new members to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups (the Panel). There will be two vacancies on the Panel as of September 30, 2011.

The purpose of the Panel is to review the APC groups and their associated weights and to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), concerning the clinical integrity of the APC groups and their associated weights.

The Secretary rechartered the Panel in 2010 for a 2-year period effective through November 21, 2012.

DATES: Submission of Nominations: We will consider nominations if they are received no later than 5 p.m. (e.s.t.) May 24, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please mail or hand deliver nominations to the following address: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; *Attn:* Paula Smith, Advisory Panel on APC Groups; Center for Medicare, Hospital & Ambulatory Policy Group, Division of Outpatient Care; 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-05-17; Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Web site: For additional information on the APC Panel and updates to the Panel's activities, we refer readers to view our Web site at the following: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/05_AdvisoryPanelonAmbulatoryPaymentClassificationGroups.asp#TopOfPage. (Use control + click the mouse in order to access the previous URL.) (**Note:** There is an UNDERSCORE after FACA/05_ ; there is no space.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact: Persons wishing to nominate individuals to serve on the Panel or to obtain further information may also contact Paula Smith at the following e-mail address: APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov or call 410-786-3985.

Advisory Committees' Information Lines: You may also refer to the CMS Federal Advisory Committee Hotlines at 1-877-449-5659 (toll-free) or 410-786-9379 (local) for additional information.

News Media: Representatives should contact the CMS Press Office at 202-690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary is required by section 1833(t)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to consult with an expert outside advisory panel regarding the clinical integrity of the APC groups and relative payment weights that are components of the Medicare Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

The Charter requires that the Panel meet up to three times annually. CMS considers the technical advice provided by the Panel as we prepare the proposed

and final rules to update the OPPS for the next calendar year.

The Panel may consist of a chair and up to 15 members who are full-time employees of hospitals, hospital systems, or other Medicare providers that are subject to the OPPS. (For purposes of the Panel, consultants or independent contractors are not considered to be full-time employees in these organizations.)

The current Panel members are as follows: (**Note:** The asterisk [*] indicates the Panel members whose terms end on September 30, 2011.)

- E. L. Hambrick, M.D., J.D., Chair, a CMS Medical Officer

- Ruth L. Bush, M.D., M.P.H.
- Kari S. Cornicelli, C.P.A., FHFMA
- Dawn L. Francis, M.D., M.H.S.
- Kathleen Graham, R.N., M.S.H.A.
- Patrick A. Grusenmeyer, Sc.D.,

FACHE *

- David A. Halsey, M.D.
- Brain D. Kavanagh, M.D., M.P.H.
- Judith T. Kelly, B.S.H.A., RHIT,

RHIA, CCS

- Scott Manaker, M.D., PhD
- John Marshall, CRA, RCC, RT
- Agatha L. Nolan, D.Ph., M.S.,

FASHP *

- Randall A. Oyer, M.D.
- Daniel J. Pothan, M.S., RHIA, CHPS, CPHIMS, CCS, CCS-P, CHC
- Gregory J. Przybylski, M.D.
- Neville B. Sarkari, M.D., FACP

Panel members serve without compensation, according to an advance written agreement; however, for the meetings, CMS reimburses travel, meals, lodging, and related expenses in accordance with standard Government travel regulations. CMS has a special interest in attempting to ensure, while taking into account the nominee pool, that the Panel is diverse in all respects of the following: Geography; rural or urban practice; race, ethnicity, sex, and disability; medical or technical specialty; and type of hospital, hospital health system, or other Medicare provider subject to the OPPS.

Based upon either self-nominations or nominations submitted by providers or interested organizations, the Secretary, or his or her designee, appoints new members to the Panel from among those candidates determined to have the required expertise. New appointments are made in a manner that ensures a balanced membership under the guidelines of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

II. Criteria for Nominees

The Panel must be fairly balanced in its membership in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. Each Panel member must