

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Consumer Health IT Pledge Program

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

ACTION: Notice of availability for Consumer Health IT Pledge Program.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is leading a national campaign to educate and engage the public on the value and benefits of health information technology (*health IT*) in improving health and health care. As part of the campaign, we encourage entities that touch Americans' lives to pledge to empower individuals to be partners in their health through health IT. There are two types of pledges: One for those who manage or maintain individually identifiable health data (*e.g.*, providers, hospitals, payers, retail pharmacies) and another for those who do not manage or maintain consumer health data, but have the ability to educate consumers about the importance of getting access to and using their health information (*e.g.*, employers, consumer and disease-based organizations, healthcare associations, product developers).

Taking the pledge is voluntary, and does not represent any endorsement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or any other part of the federal government.

To learn more about the details of the pledge, please visit: <http://www.healthit.gov/pledge>.

Notice of this schedule is given under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5), section 3003.

Dated: September 9, 2011.

Jodi Daniel,

Office of Policy and Planning, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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Office of the Secretary

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (National Coordinator), or his or her

successor, the authorities vested in the Secretary under section 1704 of Title XVII of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) (42 U.S.C. 300u-3), as amended, to conduct and support by grant or contract (and encourage others to support) such activities as may be required to make information respecting health information and health promotion, preventive health services, and education in the appropriate use of health care available to the consumers of medical care, providers of such care, schools, and others who are or should be informed respecting such matters.

Limitations

The delegation of authority granted herein under section 1704 of Title XVII of the PHSA (42 U.S.C. 300u-3) does not supersede any previous delegations of this authority.

The delegation of authority granted herein under section 1704 of the PHSA, as amended, is limited to making information available to the consumers of medical care, providers of such care, schools, and others who are or should be informed about the use of health information technology as it relates to health information and health promotion, preventive health services, and education in the appropriate use of health care.

The authority under section 1704 of the PHSA, as amended, shall be exercised under the Department's policy on regulations and the existing delegation of authority to approve and issue regulations.

This delegation of authority may be re-delegated.

This delegation of authority is effective immediately.

I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the National Coordinator, or his or her subordinates, which involved the exercise of the authority under section 1704 of Title XVII of the PHSA (42 U.S.C. 300u-3), as amended, delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation of authority.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3101.

Dated: September 12, 2011.

Kathleen Sebelius,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, U.S.C. Appendix 2, notice is hereby given that the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP) will hold its twenty-sixth meeting. The meeting will be open to the public. Information about SACHRP and the meeting agenda will be posted on the SACHRP Web site at: <http://www.dhhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp/mtgings/index.html>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Wednesday, October 5, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Menikoff, M.D., J.D., Director, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), or Julia Gorey, J.D., Executive Director, SACHRP; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, Maryland 20852; 240-453-8141; fax: 240-453-6909; e-mail address: Julia.Gorey@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, SACHRP was established to provide expert advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Assistant Secretary for Health on issues and topics pertaining to or associated with the protection of human research subjects.

Both days of this meeting will be devoted to SACHRP discussion of the recent Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM), *Human Subjects Research Protections: Enhancing Protections for Research Subjects and Reducing Burden, Delay, and Ambiguity for Investigators*, published in the July 26 **Federal Register**. The meeting will open October 4 with remarks from SACHRP Chair Dr. Barbara Bierer and OHRP Director Dr. Jerry Menikoff, followed by presentation of joint recommendations on the ANPRM from the Subpart A Subcommittee (SAS) and the Subcommittee on Harmonization (SOH).

SAS is charged with developing recommendations for consideration by SACHRP regarding the application of subpart A of 45 CFR part 46 in the current research environment; this