DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services

AGENCY: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the public meeting of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services (Advisory Council). Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)). The Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services provides advice on how to prevent or reduce the burden of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias on people with the disease and their caregivers. The Advisory Council will discuss recommendations made in May, as well as ideas and topics for future recommendations.

DATES: Meeting Date: October 15, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4:30pm EDT.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 800, Washington, DC 20201.

Comments: Time is allocated on the agenda to hear public comments. In lieu of oral comments, formal written comments may be submitted for the record to Helen Lamont, Ph.D., OASPE, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 424E, Washington, DC 20201. Comments may also be sent to napa@hhs.gov. Those submitting written comments should identify themselves and any relevant organizational affiliations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Lamont, Ph.D. (202) 690–7996, Helen.lamont@hhs.gov. Note: Seating may be limited. Those wishing to attend the meeting must send an email to napa@hhs.gov and put “October 15 meeting attendance” in the Subject line by Friday, October 5, 2012, so that their names may be put on a list of expected attendees and forwarded to the security officers at the Department of Health and Human Services. Attendees who wish to make public comments should include that information in the email. Any interested member of the public who is a non-U.S. citizen should include this information at the time of registration to ensure that the appropriate security procedure to gain entry to the building is carried out. Although the meeting is open to the public, procedures governing security and the entrance to Federal buildings may change without notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Topics of the Meeting: The Advisory Council will discuss recommendations made in May, as well as ideas and topics for future recommendations.

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

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 11225; Section 2(e)(3) of the National Alzheimer’s Project Act. 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: September 14, 2012.

Donald Moulds,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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Health Services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Supplementary Information: The public comment period is scheduled on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, from 3:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, from 10 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

Contact Person for More Information: Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, NCEH/ATSDR, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, Mail Stop F–61, Chamblee, Georgia 30345; telephone 770/488–0575, Fax: 770/488–3377; Email: smalcom@cdc.gov.

The deadline for notification of attendance is October 12, 2012.

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: September 17, 2012.

Elaine L. Baker,
Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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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 and 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; (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 without change of a currently approved collection. Title of Information Collection: Deficiencies and Plan of Correction (CMS–2567) and Supporting Regulations contained in 42 CFR 488.18, 488.26, and 488.28. Use: Section 1864(a) of the Social Security Act requires that the Secretary use state survey agencies to conduct surveys to determine whether health care facilities meet Medicare and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 participation requirements. The CMS–2567 form is the means by which the survey findings are documented. This section of the law further requires that compliance findings resulting from these surveys be made available to the public within 90 days of such surveys. The CMS–2567 form is the vehicle for this disclosure. The regulations at 42 CFR 488.18 require that state survey agencies document all deficiency findings on a statement of deficiencies and plan of correction, which is the CMS–2567. 42 CFR 488.26 and 488.28 further delineate how compliance findings must be recorded and that CMS prescribed forms must be used.

The form is also used by health care facilities to document their plan of correction and by CMS, the states, facilities, purchasers, consumers, advocacy groups, and the public as a source of information about quality of care and facility compliance.

Form Number: CMS–2567 (OCN 0938–0391). Frequency: Yearly and occasionally. Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions).

Number of Respondents: 62,000. Total Annual Responses: 62,000. Total Annual Hours: 134,540. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Angela Mason-Elbert at 410–786–8279. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection. Title of Information Collection: Evaluation of Patient Satisfaction and Experience of Care for Medicare Beneficiaries with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD): Impact of the ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) and ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP). Use: The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) required the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to submit to Congress a report detailing the elements and features for the design and implementation of a bundled End-Stage Renal Disease Payment System, specifying that such a system should include the bundling of separately billed drugs, clinical laboratory tests, and other items “to maximum extent feasible”. The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) directed the Secretary of HHS to implement a payment system under which a single payment is made to a provider of services or a renal dialysis facility for renal dialysis services in lieu of any other payment. The ESRD PPS combines composite rate dialysis services with separately billable services under a single payment adjusted to reflect patient differences in resource needs or case-mix. The MIPPA also stipulated the development of quality incentives for the ESRD program. CMS has established the End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP) to address this provision of the legislation.

In order to assess the impact of the final rule (76 FR 627) on ESRD beneficiary experiences, satisfaction, and health outcomes, CMS is requesting OMB approval to obtain input on the effect of the final rule on our ESRD beneficiaries. The purpose of this data collection effort is to assess beneficiary satisfaction and experience of care in terms of access to services, quality of care, outcomes, and cost. This will be measured through telephone surveys with ESRD beneficiaries and through interviews with key stakeholders in the renal health care community. The information obtained from both the beneficiary respondents and key stakeholders will be used to provide an initial reporting of the ESRD PPS/QIP’s effects on beneficiary satisfaction and experience of care and to inform the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the impact of the ESRD PPS/QIP on patient satisfaction and experience of care, including unintended consequences, for consideration of future modification of the programs.

Subsequent to the publication of the 60-day Federal Register notice (77 FR 27777), the annual burden hours have decreased from 1,267 to 662. Early cognitive interview findings of the ESRD Beneficiary Survey submitted during the 60 day notice exhibited respondent complaints that the survey was too long and some participants had to hang up early because they were feeling sick. Medicare beneficiaries with end stage renal disease (ESRD) are very sick and unable to remain cognitively aware for 30 minutes. The ESRD Beneficiary Survey was significantly shortened so that the time necessary to interview a single participant was reduced from 30 to 5 minutes. Form Number: CMS–10425 (OCN: 0938–New); Frequency: Yearly; Affected

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