DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–1602–N]

Medicare Program: Notice of Two Membership Appointments to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two new membership appointments to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP, the Panel). The two new appointments will each serve a 4-year period. The new members will have terms that begin on February 1, 2013 and continue through January 31, 2017. The purpose of the Panel is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services concerning the clinical integrity of the Ambulatory Payment Classification groups and their relative payment weights. The Panel also addresses and makes recommendations regarding supervision of outpatient services. The advice provided by the Panel will be considered as we prepare the annual updates for the hospital outpatient prospective payment system.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on the Panel meeting dates, agenda topics, copy of the charter, as well as updates to the Panel’s activities, search our Internet Web site: https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/AdvisoryPanel/ AmbulatoryPayment ClassificationGroups.html For other information regarding the Panel, contact Chuck Braver, the Designated Federal Officer at CMS, Center for Medicare and Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group, Division of Outpatient Care, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4–05–17, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, phone (410) 786–3985.

II. Provisions of the Notice

We published a notice in the Federal Register on August 24, 2012, entitled “Medicare Program: Solicitation of Two Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment” (77 FR 51542). The notice solicited nominations for two new members to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP, the Panel) to fill two vacancies on the panel beginning September 30, 2012. As a result of that notice, we are announcing two new members to the Panel. Their appointments are for 4-year terms beginning on February 1, 2013.
New Appointments to the Panel—The new members of the Panel with terms beginning on February 1, 2013 and continuing through January 31, 2017 are as follows:

- Michael Rabovsky, M.D.
- Kris Zimmerman.

III. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection and recordkeeping requirements. Consequently, it need not be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program; No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program) Section 1833((i)(9)(A) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(i)(9)(A)). The Panel is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 896.

Additional Information

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L’Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Fax: 202–395–7285, Email: OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV, Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Robert Sargis,
Reports Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Head Start Program Performance Standards—Final rule.


Marilyn Tavenner,
Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Child Care and Development Fund Financial Report (ACF–696) for States and Territories.

OMB No.: 0970–0163.

Description: States and Territories use the Financial Report Form ACF–696 to report Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) expenditures. Authority to collect and report this information is found in section 658G of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, as revised. In addition to the Program Reporting Requirements set forth in 45 CFR part 98, subpart H, the regulations at 45 CFR 98.65(g) and 98.67(c)(1) authorize the Secretary to require financial reports as necessary.

The form provides specific data regarding claims and provides a mechanism for States to request Child Care grant awards and to certify the availability of State matching funds. Failure to collect this data would seriously compromise ACF’s ability to monitor Child Care and Development Fund expenditures. This information is also used to estimate outlays and may be used to prepare ACF budget submissions to Congress.

The previous information collection requirements related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, (Pub. L. 111–5) have been deleted from this reporting form.

Respondents: States and Territories.

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OMB No.: 0970–0148.

Description: Head Start Program Performance Standards require Head Start and Early Head Start Programs and Delegate Agencies to maintain program records. The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, is proposing to renew, without changes, the authority to require certain record keeping in all programs as provided for in 45 CFR part 1304 Head Start Program Performance Standards. These standards prescribe the services that Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide to enrolled children and their families.

Respondents: Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and delegate agencies.