

Program for Education and Training in Pain Care.

The members of the ACICBL will resume their discussion of the legislatively mandated 15th Annual Report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Congress. The Committee members will continue to review, discuss, and make recommendations for programs under title VII, part D. The members will hear presentations on allied health, podiatry, chiropractic, pain care management, the budget process, primary care workforce reports, healthcare practice redesign, interprofessional accreditation standards, and performance measurement.

*Agenda:* Healthcare practice redesign initiatives, such as the Patient-Centered Medical Home Model or the Planned Care Model, are emerging approaches to improve the quality of primary health care delivery. These models are comprehensive, multifaceted, and seek to provide high-quality care and continuity while involving patients, communities, health care teams, and policy makers. The members of the ACICBL will review (a) current issues related to healthcare practice redesign, (b) the implications of practice redesign on health professions education in relation to title VII, part D programs, and (c) accreditation standards for the disciplines that have incorporated interprofessional education into their accreditation standards and the effect this has had on practice. Committee discussion questions include:

- How will changing the scope of practice of health professionals affect title VII, part D programming?
- What statutory changes are needed to align with healthcare practice redesign?
- What measures are needed for title VII, part D programs to have an impact on outcomes and quality?

The official agenda will be available 2 days prior to the meeting on the HRSA Web site at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradvisory/acicbl/index.html>. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Public Comment:* Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the ACICBL should be sent to Dr. Joan Weiss, Designated Federal Official, using the address and phone number below. Individuals who plan to participate on the conference call or webinar should notify Dr. Weiss at least 3 days prior to the meeting, using the address and phone number below. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments. Interested parties should refer to the meeting subject as the HRSA Advisory

Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages.

The conference call-in number is 877-960-9066. The passcode is: 5919914.

The webinar link is: [https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/acicblapril22\\_23/](https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/acicblapril22_23/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Anyone requesting information regarding the ACICBL should contact Dr. Joan Weiss, Designated Federal Official within the Bureau of Health Workforce, Health Resources and Services Administration, in one of three ways: (1) Send a request to the following address: Dr. Joan Weiss, Designated Federal Official, Bureau of Health Workforce, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 12C-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857; (2) call (301) 443-0430; or (3) send an email to [jweiss@hrsa.gov](mailto:jweiss@hrsa.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Establishment of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria and Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Council Membership**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

*Authority:* Executive Order 13676, dated September 18, 2014, authorizes establishment of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (Advisory Council). The Advisory Council will be governed by provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces establishment of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council will provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies intended to support and evaluate the implementation of Executive Order 13676, including the National Strategy for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (Strategy)

and the National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (Action Plan).

This notice also will serve to announce that HHS is seeking nominations of individuals who are interested in being considered for appointment to the Advisory Council. Resumes or curricula vitae from qualified individuals who wish to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Council are currently being accepted.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received no later than close business April 29, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be sent to: Bruce Gellin, M.D., M.P.H., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; Department of Health and Human Services; 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 715H; Washington, DC 20201. Nomination materials, including attachments, also may be submitted electronically to [CARB@hhs.gov](mailto:CARB@hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bruce Gellin, M.D., M.P.H., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; Department of Health and Human Services; Telephone: (202) 260-6638; Fax: (202) 690-4631; Email address: [CARB@hhs.gov](mailto:CARB@hhs.gov). The Advisory Council charter may be accessed online at <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/carb>. The charter includes detailed information about the Advisory Council's purpose, function, and structure.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria represents a serious threat to public health and the economy. Detecting, preventing, and controlling antibiotic resistance requires a strategic, coordinated, and sustained effort. The federal government will work domestically and internationally to detect, prevent, and control illness and death related to antibiotic-resistant infections by implementing measures that reduce the emergence and spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and help ensure the continued availability of effective therapeutics for the treatment of bacterial infections.

Under Executive Order 13676, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is directed to establish the Advisory Council in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Agriculture. The Advisory Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies to support and evaluate the implementation of Executive Order 13676, including the National Strategy

for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (Strategy) and the National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (Action Plan). On March 24, 2015, the Secretary approved for the Advisory Council to be established. The charter for the Advisory Council was filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress on the same date. The Advisory Council has been established as a non-discretionary federal advisory committee.

*Objectives and Scope of Activities.* The Advisory Council will provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies intended to support and evaluate the implementation of Executive Order 13676, including the Strategy and Action Plan. The Advisory Council will function solely for advisory purposes.

*Membership and Designation.* The Advisory Council will consist of not more than 30 members, including the voting and non-voting members and Chair and Vice Chair. The members will be appointed or designated by the Secretary, who will designate the Chair and Vice Chair from among the voting members of the Advisory Council.

*Voting Members.* There will be public voting members selected from individuals who are engaged in research on, or implementation of, interventions regarding efforts to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics by optimizing their use; advance research to develop improved methods for combating antibiotic resistance and conducting antibiotic stewardship; strengthen surveillance of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections; prevent the transmission of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections; advance the development of rapid point-of-care and agricultural diagnostics; further research on new treatments for bacterial infections; develop alternatives to antibiotics for agricultural purposes; maximize the dissemination of up-to-date information on the appropriate and proper use of antibiotics to the general public and human and animal healthcare providers; and improve international coordination of efforts to combat antibiotic resistance.

The public voting members will represent balanced points of view from human biomedical, public health, and agricultural fields to include surveillance of antibiotic-resistant infections, prevention and/or interruptions of the spread of antibiotic-resistant threats, or development of rapid diagnostics and novel treatments. The public voting members may be physicians, veterinarians,

epidemiologists, microbiologists, or other health care professionals (e.g., nurses, pharmacists, others); individuals who have expertise and experience as consumer or patient advocates concerned with antibiotic resistance, or in the fields of agriculture and pharmaceuticals; and they also may be from State or local health agencies or public health organizations. All public voting members will be classified as special Government employees (SGEs).

*Ex-officio Members (non-voting).* The Advisory Council will include members selected to represent various federal agencies, including HHS, DoD, and USDA, that are involved in the development, testing, licensing, production, procurement, distribution, and/or use of antibiotics and/or antibiotic research. The federal *ex-officio* members shall possess the knowledge, skills, experience, and expertise necessary to generate informed and intelligent recommendations with respect to the issues mandated by Executive Order 13676. Federal agencies will be invited to participate as non-voting *ex-officio* members of the Advisory Council, as it is deemed necessary by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Agriculture, to accomplish the mission the Advisory Council.

*Liaison Representatives (non-voting).* The Advisory Council structure also may include non-voting liaison representatives from organizations and/or interest groups that have involvement in the development, testing, licensing, production, procurement, distribution, and/or use of antibiotics and/or antibiotic research. Organizations will be invited to participate as non-voting liaison representatives as it is deemed necessary by the Secretary or designee to accomplish the established mission of the Advisory Council.

The public voting and non-voting liaison representative members will be appointed to serve for overlapping terms of up to four years. The Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed to serve for three years, unless otherwise specified.

The public voting members are authorized to receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses when attending meetings of the Advisory Council, as authorized by Section 5703, Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for persons employed intermittently in Government service. Individuals who are appointed to serve as non-voting liaison representative members also may be allowed to receive per diem and reimbursement for any applicable expenses for travel that is performed to attend meetings of the Advisory Council

in accordance with Federal travel regulations.

*Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.* The Advisory Council will meet, at a minimum, two times per fiscal year depending on the availability of funds. Meetings will be open to the public, except as determined otherwise by the Secretary or other official to whom the authority has been delegated in accordance with guidelines under Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

*Nominations:* Nominations, including self-nominations, of individuals who have the specified expertise and knowledge will be considered for appointment as public voting and/or non-voting members of the Advisory Council. A nomination should include, at a minimum, the following for each nominee: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., the desired member category and specific attributes which qualify the nominee to be considered for appointment as a public voting and/or non-voting member of the Advisory Council), and a statement from the nominee (including designated representatives of organizations and/or interest groups) that indicates that the individual is willing to serve as a member of the Advisory Council, if selected; (2) the nominator's name, address, and daytime telephone number, and the address, telephone number, and email address of the individual being nominated; and (3) a current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume, which should be limited to no more than 10 pages.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the Advisory Council is a diverse group of individuals with representation from various geographic locations, racial and ethnic minorities, all genders, and persons living with disabilities.

Individuals being considered for appointment as public voting members will be required to complete and submit a report of their financial holdings. An ethics review must be conducted to ensure that individuals appointed as public voting members of the Advisory Council are not involved in any activity that may pose a potential conflict of interest for the official duties that are to be performed. This is a federal ethics requirement that must be satisfied upon entering the position and annually throughout the established term of appointment on the Advisory Council.

Dated: March 24, 2015.

**Sylvia M. Burwell,**

*Secretary of Health and Human Services.*

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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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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 functions; (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.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by April 29, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 OR Email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in

this notice, you may make your request using one of the following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov).

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Verification of Clinic Data—Rural Health Clinic Form and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The form is utilized as an application to be completed by suppliers of Rural Health Clinic (RHC) services requesting participation in the Medicare program. This form initiates the process of obtaining a decision as to whether the conditions for certification are met as a supplier of RHC services. It also promotes data reduction or introduction to and retrieval from the Automated Survey Process Environment (ASPEN) and related survey and certification databases by the CMS Regional Offices. Should any question arise regarding the structure of the organization, this information is readily available. *Form Number:* CMS-29 (OMB control number 0938-0074); *Frequency:* Occasionally (initially and then every six years); *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents:*

900; *Total Annual Responses:* 900; *Total Annual Hours:* 150. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Shonté Carter at 410-786-3532.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Site Investigation for Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTFs); *Use:* We enroll Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTFs) into the Medicare program via a uniform application, the CMS 855B. Implementation of enhanced procedures for verifying the enrollment information has improved the enrollment process as well as identified and prevented fraudulent IDTFs from entering the Medicare program. As part of this process, verification of compliance with IDTF performance standards is necessary. The primary function of the site investigation form for IDTFs is to provide a standardized, uniform tool to gather information from an IDTF that tells us whether it meets certain standards to be a IDTF (as found in 42 CFR 410.33(g)) and where it practices or renders its services. The site investigation form has been used in the past to aid in verifying compliance with the required performance standards found in 42 CFR 410.33(g). No revisions have been made to this form since the last submission for OMB approval. *Form Number:* CMS-10221 (OMB Control Number: 0938-1029); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents:* 900; *Total Annual Responses:* 900; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,800. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kim McPhillips at 410-786-5374).

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Site Investigation for Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS); *Use:* We enroll suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) into the Medicare program via a uniform application, the CMS 855S. Implementation of enhanced procedures for verifying the enrollment information has improved the enrollment process as well as identified and prevented fraudulent DMEPOS suppliers from entering the Medicare program. As part of this process, verification of compliance with supplier standards is necessary. The primary function of the site investigation form is to provide a standardized, uniform tool to gather information from a DMEPOS