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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Full Committee Meeting.

Date and Times: Tuesday, May 15, 2018: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (EDT), Wednesday, May 16, 2018: 8:30 a.m.–2:45 p.m. (EDT).

Place: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 705A, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At the May 15–16, 2018 meeting, the Committee will hear presentations, hold discussions on several health data policy topics and work on activities outlined in the NCVHS 2018 workplan. Anticipated action items during this meeting include a letter to the Secretary and a summary report of the hearing held September 2017 on the topic of the national vital records and vital statistics systems. In addition, a letter to the Secretary regarding the Committee's recommendations resulting from the March Standards Subcommittee Hearing on NCPDP Updates will be considered for approval. The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) will give an update and the Committee will discuss its collaboration with ONC and its advisory committee HITAC. Subcommittee activities for discussion include the CIO Forum to be held in May and the Predictability Roadmap as part of the Standards Subcommittee's project to identify possible approaches to improve predictability and improvements in the

adoption and processes related to updating standards and operating rules for electronic administrative transactions (e.g., claims, eligibility, electronic funds transfer). The agenda and plans for the July meeting examining health terminology & vocabulary development, maintenance, and dissemination processes will be discussed together with a draft environmental scan report. The Committee will continue development of its Health Information Privacy & Security Beyond HIPAA project focusing on clinical registries as a use case. The Committee also will discuss any recent developments resulting from the initial wave of the Medicare Card Project roll out.

The times and topics are subject to change. Please refer to the posted agenda for any updates.

Contact Persons for More Information: Substantive program information may be obtained from Rebecca Hines, MHS, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4715. Summaries of meetings and a roster of Committee members are available on the home page of the NCVHS website: www.ncvhs.hhs.gov, where further information including an agenda and instructions to access the audio broadcast of the meetings will also be posted.

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Dated: April 10, 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Standards Subcommittee Meeting.

Date and Times: Thursday, May 17, 2018: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (EDT).

Place: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Janet Norwood Conference and Training Center, Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Room G440, Washington, DC 20212 (Entrance on First Street across from Union Station).

Status: Open. There will be a public comment period during the final 15 minutes of the subcommittee meeting.

Purpose: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) legislation from 1996, as amended,¹ directed the Secretary of HHS to publish regulations adopting administrative standards, code sets and identifiers to support the exchange of electronic health information between covered entities. The standards are for retail pharmacy and medical transactions.

NCVHS is working on the development of a standards update and adoption roadmap (the predictability roadmap), in collaboration with industry stakeholders and the Standards Development Organizations (SDOs). The purpose of this roadmap is to improve the predictability of the update and adoption process of the standards and operating rules. It is the intent of the collaboration effort to identify the barriers to updating and adopting standards and make constructive, actionable recommendations for all parties, so that covered entities can more effectively conduct their business, operational and technical strategic planning.

NCVHS held a visioning exercise with the Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) in August 2017, and developed a set of draft action steps and recommendations. The next step towards finalizing recommendations for the Secretary, is to convene a group of Chief Information Officers (CIOs) who work with the standards and operating rules as end users, with health care leaders from various fields of health care technology. The CIOs and health care innovators will exchange information based on their experience and expertise. The CIOs will discuss their changing business and technology needs specifically as these pertain to the standards that have been adopted under HIPAA such as claims, eligibility, referrals and authorizations. Some individuals will share their experience using the standards day to day, and to increase efficiencies in their organizations. Other participants will share their experience implementing or seeing innovative technology being used for the exchange of electronic health care information.

¹ Along with Section 1104(c) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010.