

ADDRESSES: Teleconference Number: 1–888–790–3409, passcode: 3250534.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Stone, M.A., HICPAC, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, NCEZID, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop A–31, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; Telephone (404) 639–4045, Email: HICPAC@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The Committee is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), the Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), the Director, CDC, the Secretary, Health and Human Services regarding (1) the practice of healthcare infection prevention and control; (2) strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections, antimicrobial resistance, and related events in settings where healthcare is provided; and (3) periodic updating of CDC guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of healthcare-associated infections and healthcare-related conditions.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on updates from the guidelines for infection prevention in healthcare personnel workgroup and the guidelines for infection prevention in patients of neonatal intensive care units workgroup. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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.

Sherri A. Berger,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval Washington Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17–0027

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of hearing; Reconsideration of disapproval.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing to be held on August 9, 2018, at the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health, Seattle Regional Office, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98104 to reconsider CMS’ decision to disapprove Washington’s Medicaid SPA 17–0027.

DATES: *Closing Date:* Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by July 27, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin R. Cohen, Presiding Officer, CMS, 2520 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suite L, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Telephone: (410) 786–3169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider CMS’ decision to disapprove Washington’s Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA) 17–0027, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 22, 2017 and disapproved on May 14, 2018. This SPA requested CMS approval to add coverage and reimbursement of services provided by Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) under the Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) benefit. Specifically, SPA 17–0027 proposed the coverage and reimbursement of services provided by DHATs only when furnished in a practice setting within the boundaries of a tribal reservation and only when operated by an Indian health program, and proposed to make coverage of DHAT services available only to members of a federally recognized tribe or those otherwise eligible for services under Indian Health Service criteria. Washington would, therefore, not permit Medicaid beneficiaries to receive Medicaid coverage for DHAT services if they are not members of a federally recognized tribe or otherwise eligible for services under Indian Health Service criteria.

The issues to be considered at the hearing are whether Washington SPA 17–0027 is inconsistent with the requirements of:

- Section 1902(a)(23) of the Social Security Act (the Act) because it would restrict access to services provided by a DHAT to a limited group of beneficiaries, and it would also prevent beneficiaries from receiving DHAT services from similarly qualified dental services providers that provide services outside the boundaries of a tribal reservation or that are not Indian health programs.
- Section 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Act because it was unclear whether DHATs

must be supervised by a licensed professional consistent with the requirements of the OLP benefit, and because CMS was therefore unable to determine whether DHAT services are “medical assistance” consistent with 1902(a)(10)(A) and 1905 of the Act.

Section 1116 of the Act and federal regulations at 42 CFR part 430 establish Department procedures that provide an administrative hearing for reconsideration of a disapproval of a state plan or plan amendment. CMS is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a copy of the notice to a state Medicaid agency that informs the agency of the time and place of the hearing, and the issues to be considered. If we subsequently notify the state Medicaid agency of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any individual or group that wants to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization that wants to participate as *amicus curiae* must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants.

The notice to Washington announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA reads as follows:

Ms. MaryAnne Lindeblad
Director
State of Washington, Health Care Authority
626 8th Avenue PO Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504–5050

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

I am responding to your June 8, 2018 request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove Washington’s State Plan amendment (SPA) 17–0027. Washington SPA 17–0027 was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 22, 2017, and disapproved on May 14, 2018. I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on August 9, 2018, at the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health, Seattle Regional Office, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98104.

I am designating Mr. Benjamin R. Cohen as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact Mr. Cohen at (410) 786–3169. In order to facilitate any communication that may be necessary between the parties prior to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to

indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing. If the hearing date is not acceptable, Mr. Cohen can set another date mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed by federal regulations at 42 CFR Part 430.

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In the event that CMS and the State come to agreement on resolution of the issues which formed the basis for disapproval, this SPA may be moved to approval prior to the scheduled hearing.

Sincerely,

Seema Verma

Administrator

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. section 1316; 42 CFR section 430.18) (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program No. 13.714, Medicaid Assistance Program.)

Dated: July 6, 2018.

Seema Verma,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2018-N-2642]

Advisory Committee; Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research; Renewal

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; renewal of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the renewal of the Science Advisory Board (the Board) to the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner). The Commissioner has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the Board to the NCTR for an additional 2 years beyond the charter expiration date. The new charter will be in effect until June 2, 2020.

DATES: Authority for the Board to the NCTR expired on June 2, 2018; however, the Commissioner formally determined that renewal is in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna L. Mendrick, National Center for Toxicological Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, Rm. 2208, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-8892, donna.mendrick@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.65 and approval by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 45 CFR part 11 and by the General Services Administration, FDA is announcing the renewal of the Board to the NCTR. The Board is a discretionary Federal advisory committee established to provide advice to the Commissioner. The Board to the NCTR advises the Commissioner or designee in discharging responsibilities as they relate to helping to ensure safe and effective drugs for human use and, as required, any other product for which FDA has regulatory responsibility. The Board advises the NCTR Director in establishing, implementing, and evaluating the research programs that assist the Commissioner in fulfilling regulatory responsibilities. The Board provides an extra-agency review in ensuring that the research programs at NCTR are scientifically sound and pertinent.

The Board shall consist of a core of nine voting members including the Chair. Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner or

designee from among authorities knowledgeable in the fields of toxicological research. Members will be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to 4 years. Almost all non-Federal members of this Board serve as Special Government Employees. The core of voting members may include one technically qualified member, selected by the Commissioner or designee, who is identified with consumer interests and is recommended by either a consortium of consumer-oriented organizations or other interested persons.

Further information regarding the most recent charter and other information can be found at <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/ToxicologicalResearch/ucm148166.htm> or by contacting the Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). In light of the fact that no change has been made to the committee name or description of duties, no amendment will be made to 21 CFR 14.100.

This document is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). For general information related to FDA advisory committees, please check <https://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm>.

Dated: July 9, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2018-N-2565]

Advisory Committee; Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee; Renewal

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; renewal of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the renewal of the Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner). The Commissioner has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee for an additional 2 years beyond the charter expiration date. The new charter will be in effect until June 4, 2020.