FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC or Commission) Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) VII will hold its first meeting.

DATES: July 19, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Room TW–C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzon Cameron, Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418–1916 (voice) or Suzon.cameron@fcc.gov (email); or, Guy Benson, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, (202) 418–2946 (voice) or guy.benson@fcc.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be held on July 19, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, Room TW–C305, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

The CSRIC is a Federal Advisory Committee that will provide recommendations to the FCC regarding best practices and actions the FCC can take to help ensure the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications systems. On March 15, 2019, the FCC, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, renewed the charter for the CSRIC for a period of two years through March 14, 2021. The meeting on July 19, 2019, will be the first meeting of the CSRIC under the current charter. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the internet from the FCC’s web page at http://www.fcc.gov/live. The public may submit written comments before the meeting to Suzon Cameron, CSRIC Designated Federal Officer, by email suzon.cameron@fcc.gov or U.S. Postal Service Mail to Suzon Cameron, Senior Attorney, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Room 7–B458, Washington, DC 20554.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via email to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (tty). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please allow at least five days’ advance notice; last-minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

[Docket No. AS19–05]

Appraisal Subcommittee Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

ACTION: Notice of Special Meeting.

Description: In accordance with Section 1104(b) of Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) will meet in open session for a Special Meeting:


Date: July 9, 2019.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Status: Open.

Action and Discussion Items: North Dakota Temporary Waiver Request.

How to Attend and Observe an ASC meeting: If you plan to attend the ASC Meeting in person, we ask that you send an email to meetings@asc.gov. You may register until close of business July 5, 2019. The meeting space is intended to accommodate public attendees. However, if the space will not accommodate all requests, the ASC may refuse attendance on that reasonable basis. The use of any video or audio tape recording device, photographing device, or any other electronic or mechanical device designed for similar purposes is prohibited at ASC meetings.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[CMS–3379–PN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application by Accreditation Commission for Health Care for Continued CMS-Approval of Its Hospice Accreditation Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed notice.

SUMMARY: This proposed notice acknowledges the receipt of an application from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care for continued recognition as a national accrediting organization for hospices that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. The statute requires that within 60 days of receipt of an organizations complete application, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services publish a notice that identifies the national accrediting body making the request, describes the nature of the request, and provides at least a 30-day public comment period.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on July 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS–3379–PN. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

Comments, including mass comment submissions, must be submitted in one of the following three ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. Electronically. You may submit electronic comments on specific issues in this regulation to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the “submit a comment” instructions.

2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–3379–PN, Human Service Center, Mailstop 3000, 7500 Security Boulevard, College Park, MD 20742.
III. Evaluation of Deeming Authority Request

ACHC submitted all the necessary materials to enable us to make a determination concerning its request for continued approval of its hospice accreditation program. This application was determined to be complete on May 1, 2019. Under Section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.5 (Application and re-application procedures for national organizations), our review and evaluation of ACHC will be conducted in accordance with, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- The equivalency of ACHC’s standards for hospices as compared with CMS’ hospice conditions of participation.
- ACHC’s survey process to determine the following: ++ ACHC’s composition of the survey team, surveymor qualifications, and the ability of the organization to provide continuing surveymor training.
- ++ ACHC’s processes compared to those of State agencies, including survey frequency, and the ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against accredited facilities.
- ++ ACHC’s processes and procedures for monitoring a hospice found out of compliance with ACHC’s program requirements. These monitoring procedures are used only when ACHC identifies noncompliance. If noncompliance is identified through validation reviews, the State survey agency monitors corrections as specified at § 488.9(c).
- ++ ACHC’s capacity to report deficiencies to the surveyed facilities and respond to the facility’s plan of correction in a timely manner.
- ++ ACHC’s capacity to provide CMS with electronic data, and reports necessary for effective validation and assessment of the organization’s survey process.
- ++ ACHC’s staff adequacy and other resources, and its financial viability.
- ++ ACHC’s capacity to adequately fund required surveys.
- ++ ACHC’s policies with respect to whether surveys are announced or unannounced to assure that surveys are unannounced.
- ++ ACHC’s agreement to provide CMS with a copy of the most current accreditation survey together with any other information related to the survey as we may require (including corrective action plans).
IV. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is reporting, recordkeeping and third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

V. Response to Comments

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on Federal Register documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the DATES section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

Upon completion of our evaluation, including evaluation of comments received as a result of this notice, we will publish a final notice in the Federal Register announcing the result of our evaluation.

Dated: June 11, 2019.

Seema Verma,
Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–1728–N]

Medicare Program; Rechartering and Appointment of New Members to the Medicare Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the rechartering and appointment of seven new members to the Medicare Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests (the CDLT Panel). The purpose of the CDLT Panel is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on issues related to clinical diagnostic laboratory tests.

DATES:

Recharter Dates: The charter for the CDLT Panel will expire on April 26, 2021 (2 years from the date the charter was filed).

New CDLT Panel Member Appointment Dates: The term period for the new CDLT Panel members is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rasheeda Arthur, Ph.D., Designated Federal Official (DFO), (410) 786–3434 or email at CDLTPanel@cms.hhs.gov.

Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690–6145.


SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

I. Background


Section 1834A(f)(1) of the Act directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to consult with an expert outside advisory panel established by the Secretary, composed of an appropriate selection of individuals with expertise in issues related to clinical diagnostic laboratory tests. Individuals may include molecular pathologists, researchers, and individuals with expertise in laboratory science or health economics.

The CDLT Panel will provide information and recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), on the following:

• The establishment of payment rates under section 1834A of the Act for new Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests (CDLTs), including whether to use “cross walking” or “gap filling” processes to determine payment for a specific new test;
• The factors used in determining coverage and payment processes for new CDLTs; and
• Other aspects of the new payment system under section 1834A of the Act. A notice announcing the establishment of the CDLT Panel and soliciting nominations for members was published in the October 27, 2014 Federal Register (79 FR 63919 through 63920). In the August 7, 2015 Federal Register (80 FR 47491), we announced membership appointments to the CDLT Panel along with the first public meeting date for the CDLT Panel, which was held on August 26, 2015. Subsequent meetings of the CDLT Panel and membership appointments were also announced in the Federal Register.

The CDLT Panel charter provides that CDLT Panel meetings will be held up to 4 times annually and the CDLT Panel shall consist of up to 15 individuals appointed by the Secretary’s or CMS Administrator’s designee to serve a term of up to 3 years. Members may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor has been sworn-in. A CDLT Panel member selected to replace another CDLT Panel member who has resigned prior to the end of his or her term shall serve for the balance of the original CDLT Panel members’ term.

II. Provisions of the Notice

A notice requesting nominations to the CDLT Panel was published in the September 29, 2017 Federal Register (82 FR 45590 through 45592). In that notice, we stated that nominations would be accepted on a continuous basis. Since the last CDLT Panel meeting, which was held July 16 through 17, 2018, the Secretary’s designee approved membership (term period: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022) of the following new panel members (parenthetical denotes nomination source(s)):

• Maria Arcila, MD (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center);
• Karen Carroll, MD, FIDSA (Infectious Diseases Society of America);
• Lydia Contis, MD (University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine);
• Elizabeth Harris, MD (Humana, Inc.);
• Kevin Krock, Ph.D. (Precision Diagnostics);
• Elaine Lyon, Ph.D. (Association for Molecular Pathologists);
• Heather Shappell, MS, CGC (National Society of Genetic Counselors);
• Current CDLT Panel members (parenthetical denotes nomination source(s));
• Vickie Baselski, Ph.D. (American Society of Microbiology);
• Aaron Bossler, M.D., Ph.D. (Association for Molecular Pathologists);
• Pranil Chandra, D.O. (Association for Molecular Pathologists);
• William Clarke, Ph.D., M.B.A., DABCC, FACB (American Association of Clinical Chemistry);
• Stanley Hamilton, M.D. (Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Centers; College of