A recommendation vote is scheduled for influenza vaccines and a VFC vote is scheduled for meningococcal vaccines. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. For more information on the meeting agenda visit https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/meetings-info.html.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC–2020–0050]

Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH). This meeting is open to the public, but without an oral public comment period. The public is welcome to listen to the meeting by joining the audio conference (information below). The audio conference line has 150 ports for callers.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 24, 2020, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., EDT.

Written comments must be received on or before June 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2020–0050 by any of the following methods:

- Mail: Rashaun Roberts, Ph.D., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS C–24, Atlanta, GA 30329–4027, Attn: ABRWH Meeting.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received in conformance with the https://www.regulations.gov suitability policy will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to https://www.regulations.gov.

Meeting information: The USA toll-free dial-in number is 1–866–659–0537; the pass code is 9933701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rashaun Roberts, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, NIOSH, CDC, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Mailstop C–24, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, Telephone (513) 533–6800, Toll Free 1(800)CDC–INFO, Email ocas@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program, and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC). In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and rechartered under Executive Order 13889 on March 22, 2020, and will terminate on March 22, 2022.

Purpose: This Advisory Board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

Public Participation

Written Public Comment: The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Comments should be submitted on or before June 18, 2020. All requests must contain the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the individual, as well as the topic being addressed. Written comments should not exceed one single-spaced typed page in length. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting.

Comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Comments will be posted on https://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be on public display. CDC will review all submissions and may choose to redact, or withhold, submissions containing private or proprietary information such as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted to the docket.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on: Work Group and Subcommittee Reports; Update on the Status of SEC Petitions; Plans for the August 2020 Advisory Board Meeting; and Advisory Board Correspondence. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–1724–N]

Medicare Program; Public Meeting on June 22, 2020 Regarding New and Reconsidered Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test Codes for the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2021

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a virtual public meeting to receive comments and recommendations (including data on which recommendations are based) on the appropriate basis for establishing payment amounts for new or substantially revised Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes being considered for Medicare payment under the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) for calendar year (CY) 2021. This meeting also provides a forum for those who submitted certain reconsideration requests regarding final determinations made last year on new test codes and for the public to provide comment on the requests.

DATES: CLFS Annual Public Meeting Date: The virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (E.D.T.).

Deadline for Submission of Presentations and Written Comments: All presenters for the CLFS Annual Public Meeting must register and submit their presentations electronically to our CLFS dedicated email box, CLFS_annual_public_meeting@cms.hhs.gov, by June 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. All written comments (non-presenter comments) must also be submitted electronically to our CLFS dedicated email box, CLFS_annual_public_meeting@cms.hhs.gov, by June 4, 2020, 5:00 p.m., E.D.T. Any presentations or written comments received after that date and time will not be included in the meeting and will not be reviewed.

Deadline for Submitting Requests for Special Accommodations: Requests for special accommodations must be received no later than June 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. E.D.T.

Publication of Proposed Determinations: We intend to publish our proposed determinations for new test codes and our preliminary determinations for reconsidered codes (as described later in section II “Format” of this notice) for CY 2021 by early September 2020.

Deadline for Submission of Written Comments Related to Proposed Determinations: Comments in response to the preliminary determinations will be due by early October 2020.

ADDRESSES: Due to the current COVID–19 public health emergency, the CLFS Annual Public Meeting will be held virtually and will not occur at the campus of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Central Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Where to Submit Written Comments: Interested parties should submit all written comments on presentations and preliminary determinations to the address specified in this section of this notice or electronically to our CLFS dedicated email box, CLFS_annual_public_meeting@cms.hhs.gov (the specific date for the publication of these determinations and the deadline for submitting comments regarding these determinations will be published on the CMS website).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rasheeda Arthur, Ph.D., (410) 786–3434. Submit all inquiries to the CLFS dedicated email box, CLFS_annual_public_meeting@cms.hhs.gov with the subject entitled “CLFS Annual Public Meeting Inquiry.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 531(b) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) (Pub. L. 106–554) required the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish procedures for coding and payment determinations for new clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under Part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act) that permit public consultation in a manner consistent with the procedures established for implementing coding modifications for International Classification of Diseases Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD–10–CM). The procedures and Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) public meeting announced in this notice for new tests are in accordance with the procedures published on November 23, 2001 in the Federal Register (66 FR 58743) to implement section 531(b) of BIPA.

Section 942(b) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108–173) added section 1833(h)(8)(B) of the Act. Section 1833(h)(8)(A) of the Act requires the Secretary to establish by regulation procedures for determining the basis for, and amount of, payment for any clinical diagnostic laboratory test (CDLT) for which a new or substantially revised Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code is assigned on or after January 1, 2005. A code is considered to be substantially revised if there is a substantive change to the definition of the test or procedure to which the code applies (for example, a new analyte or a new methodology for measuring an existing analyte-specific test). (See section 1833(h)(8)(E)(ii) of the Act and 42 CFR 414.502).

Section 1833(h)(8)(B) of the Act sets forth the process for determining the basis for, and the amount of, payment for new tests. Pertinent to this notice, sections 1833(h)(8)(B)(i) and (ii) of the Act require the Secretary to make available to the public a list that includes any such test for which establishment of a payment amount is being considered for a year and, on the same day that the list is made available, cause to have published in the Federal Register notice of a meeting to receive comments and recommendations (including data on which recommendations are based) from the public on the appropriate basis for establishing payment amounts for the tests on such list. This list of codes for which the establishment of a payment amount under the CLFS is being considered for Calendar Year (CY) 2021 will be posted on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website concurrent with the publication of this notice and may be updated prior to the CLFS Annual Public Meeting. The CLFS Annual Public Meeting list of codes can be found on the CMS website at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/index.html?redirect=/ClinicalLabFeeSched/. Section 1833(h)(8)(B)(iii) of the Act requires that we convene the public meeting not less than 30 days after publication of the notice in the Federal Register. The CLFS requirements regarding public consultation are codified at 42 CFR 414.506.