

Provider Relief Programs disbursed, and are continuing to disburse, funds to eligible healthcare providers through two pathways: (1) Direct provider payments via the PRF and ARPA-R payments, and (2) claims reimbursement via the CAF and the UIP. This information collection includes four components: (1) The PRF and ARPA-R application portal; (2) the PRF and ARPA-R attestation portal; (3) the CAF application portal; and (4) the UIP application portal. To date, information for these programs has been collected under a Paperwork Reduction Act waiver executed pursuant to public health emergency authorities. HRSA is seeking comments regarding the CAF and the UIP for the first time. These information collections support administration of the Provider Relief Programs including the PRF, the Uninsured Program, and the CAF (funds for these three programs were appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub. L. 116-136), Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Pub. L. 116-139), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (Division M of Pub. L. 116-260)), and the ARPA-R

payments (funds were appropriated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2).

**Need and Proposed Use of the Information:** Providers who apply for Provider Relief Programs (*i.e.*, PRF, ARPA-R, CAF, and UIP payments) must apply for direct provider payments or claims reimbursement and attest to a set of Terms and Conditions to enable HRSA’s appropriate disbursement and oversight of recipients’ use of funds.

Information collected will allow for (1) assessing if recipients have met statutory and programmatic requirements; (2) conducting audits; (3) gathering data required to calculate, disburse, and report on PRF, ARPA-R, CAF, and UIP payments; and (4) program evaluation. HRSA staff may also use information collected to identify and report on trends in the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on health care providers and uninsured or underinsured patients throughout the United States.

HHS makes publicly available the names of payment recipients and the aggregate amounts received, for all providers who attest to receipt of a payment and acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or who retain payments for more than 90 days and are deemed

to have accepted the Terms and Conditions. By accepting funds, the recipient consents to HHS publicly disclosing the payments that recipient has received.

**Likely Respondents:** Health care providers that apply to receive, or have applied to receive, PRF, ARPA-R, CAF, or UIP payments, and attested to the associated Terms and Conditions.

**Burden Statement:** Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

**Total Estimated Annualized Burden Hours:**

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Attestation Portal .....	130,000	1	130,000	0.25	32,500
Application Portal .....	130,000	1	130,000	1.00	130,000
CAF Application .....	15,000	1	15,000	1.00	15,000
UIP Application .....	280,000	1	280,000	5.60	1,568,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>555,000</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>555,000</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>1,745,500</b>

HRSA specifically requests comments on (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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Information Technology Advisory Committee 2021 Schedule of Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) was established in accordance with the 21st Century Cures Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The HITAC, among other things, identifies priorities for standards adoption and makes recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (National Coordinator). The HITAC will hold public meetings

throughout 2021. See list of public meetings below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Berry, Designated Federal Officer, at *Michael.Berry@hhs.gov*, (202) 701-0795.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4003(e) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255) establishes the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (referred to as the “HITAC”). The HITAC will be governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

**Composition**

The HITAC is comprised of at least 25 members, of which:

- No fewer than 2 members are advocates for patients or consumers of health information technology;
  - 3 members are appointed by the HHS Secretary
    - 1 of whom shall be appointed to represent the Department of Health and Human Services and
      - 1 of whom shall be a public health official;
    - 2 members are appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
    - 2 members are appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
    - 2 members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
    - 2 members are appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and
      - Other members are appointed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Members will serve for one-, two-, or three-year terms. All members may be reappointed for a subsequent three-year term. Each member is limited to two three-year terms, not to exceed six years of service. Members serve without pay, but will be provided per-diem and travel costs for committee services, if warranted.

#### Recommendations

The HITAC recommendations to the National Coordinator are publicly available at <https://www.healthit.gov/topic/federal-advisory-committees/recommendations-national-coordinator-health-it>.

#### Public Meetings

The schedule of meetings to be held in 2021 is as follows:

- January 13, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- February 10, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- March 10, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- April 15, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- May 13, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- June 9, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- July 14, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- September 9, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)
- October 13, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)

- November 10, 2021 from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m./Eastern Time (virtual meeting)

All meetings are open to the public. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. For web conference instructions and the most up-to-date information, please visit the HITAC calendar on the ONC website, <https://www.healthit.gov/topic/federal-advisory-committees/hitac-calendar>.

*Contact Person for Meetings:* Michael Berry, [Michael.Berry@hhs.gov](mailto:Michael.Berry@hhs.gov). A notice in the **Federal Register** about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Please email Michael Berry for the most current information about meetings.

*Agenda:* As outlined in the 21st Century Cures Act, the HITAC will develop and submit recommendations to the National Coordinator on the topics of interoperability, privacy and security, and patient access. In addition, the committee will also address any administrative matters and hear periodic reports from ONC. ONC intends to make background material available to the public no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting start time. If ONC is unable to post the background material on its website prior to the meeting, the material will be made publicly available on ONC's website after the meeting, at <http://www.healthit.gov/hitac>.

*Procedure:* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person prior to the meeting date. An oral public comment period will be scheduled at each meeting. Time allotted for each commenter will be limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled public comment period, ONC will take written comments after the meeting.

Persons attending in-person HITAC meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing wireless access or access to electrical outlets.

ONC welcomes the attendance of the public at its HITAC meetings. Seating is limited at in-person meetings, and ONC will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Michael Berry at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of these meetings are given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).

Dated: July 27, 2021.

**Michael Berry,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; NIGMS Review of SuRE Applications.

*Date:* November 18, 2021.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Video Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Sonia Ortiz-Miranda, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Room 3AN18, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402–9448, [sonia.ortiz-miranda@nih.gov](mailto:sonia.ortiz-miranda@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; NIGMS Review of SuRE Applications.

*Date:* November 19, 2021.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Video Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Manas Chattopadhyay, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Building 45, Room 3AN12N, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–5320, [manasc@mail.nih.gov](mailto:manasc@mail.nih.gov).