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HHS–OIG is modernizing the accessibility and usability of our publicly available resources, including OIG’s Compliance Program Guidance (CPGs). OIG developed CPGs as voluntary, nonbinding guidance documents to encourage the development and use of internal controls to monitor adherence to applicable statutes, regulations, and program requirements. More specifically, beginning in 1998, OIG embarked on a major initiative to engage the private health care community in preventing the submission of erroneous claims and in combating fraud and abuse in Federal health care programs through voluntary compliance efforts.

As part of that initiative, OIG developed a series of CPGs directed at the following segments of the health care industry: (1) hospitals; (2) home health agencies; (3) clinical laboratories; (4) third-party medical billing companies; (5) the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies industry; (6) hospices; (7) Medicare Advantage (formerly known as Medicare+Choice) organizations; (8) nursing facilities; (9) ambulance suppliers; (10) physicians; and (11) pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Based on feedback received as part of OIG’s Modernization Initiative and other input, we understand that CPGs have served as an important and valuable OIG resource for the health care compliance community and industry stakeholders over the last 25 years. OIG has carefully considered ways to improve and update existing CPGs and to deliver new CPGs specific to segments of the health care industry or entities involved in the health care industry that have emerged in the last two decades. In modernizing OIG’s CPGs, our goal is to produce useful, informative resources—as timely as possible—to help advance the industry’s voluntary compliance efforts in preventing fraud, waste, and abuse in the health care system.

Through this Notice, OIG is notifying the public of the following:

• OIG will no longer publish updated or new CPGs in the Federal Register. All current, updated, and new CPGs will be available on our website.

• OIG has developed a new format for CPGs.

We will publish a General CPG (GCPG) that applies to all individuals and entities involved in the health care industry. The GCPG will address topics such as: federal fraud and abuse laws, compliance program basics, operating effective compliance programs, and OIG processes and resources. We anticipate updating the GCPG as changes in compliance practices or legal requirements warrant. OIG plans to publish the GCPG by the end of calendar year 2023.

Second, we will publish industry-specific CPGs (ICPGs) for different types of providers, suppliers, and other participants in health care industry subsectors or ancillary industry sectors relating to Federal health care programs. ICPGs will be tailored to fraud and abuse risk areas for each industry subsector and will address compliance measures that the industry subsector participants can take to reduce these risks. ICPGs are intended to be updated periodically to address newly identified risk areas and compliance measures and to ensure timely and meaningful guidance from OIG. OIG expects to begin publishing ICPGs in calendar year 2024. Currently, OIG anticipates that the first two ICPGs will address Medicare Advantage and nursing facilities.

When the new GCPG and ICPGs, along with any updates to these documents, are published on OIG’s website, OIG will notify the public using our public listserv and other communications platforms.

13 All CPGs issued to date are currently available on the Compliance Guidance page of our website at https://oig.hhs.gov/compliance/compliance-guidance/ (last visited Mar. 6, 2023).

14 To join OIG’s listserv, visit https://cloud.connect.hhs.gov/OIG/.
Neither OIG’s existing CPGs nor any forthcoming GCPG or ICPG constitutes a model compliance program. Rather, the goal of these documents has been, and will continue to be, to set forth a voluntary set of guidelines and identified risk areas that OIG believes individuals and entities engaged in the health care industry should consider when developing and implementing a new compliance program or evaluating an existing one. Our existing CPGs and supplemental CPGs will remain available for use as an ongoing resource as we develop and publish the GCPG and ICPGs.

Christi A. Grimm, Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, which was published in the Federal Register on March 22, 2023, FR Doc. 2023–05787, 88 FR 17240.

This notice is being amended to change the dates of this two-day meeting from April 20–21, 2023, to May 11–12, 2023. The meeting is closed to the public. 


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse. 

The meeting will be open to the public, as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend as well as those who need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify Dr. Gillian Acca via email at gillian.acca@nih.gov. 

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to Dr. Gillian Acca via email at gillian.acca@nih.gov. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has procedures at https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/visitor-information/campus-access-security for entrance into on-campus and off-campus facilities. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors attending a meeting on campus or at an off-campus federal facility will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver’s license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Additional Health and Safety Guidance: Before attending a meeting at an NIH facility, it is important that visitors review the NIH COVID–19 Safety Plan at https://ors.od.nih.gov/sr/dohs/safety/NIH-covid-19-safety-plan/Pages/default.aspx for information about requirements and procedures for entering NIH facilities, especially when COVID–19 community levels are medium or high. In addition, the Safer Federal Workforce website has FAQs for visitors at https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/faq/visitors/. Please note that if an individual has a COVID–19 diagnosis within 10 days of the meeting, that person must attend virtually. For more information please read NIH’s Requirements for Persons after Exposure at https://ors.od.nih.gov/sr/dohs/safety/