

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Meeting of the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announces the following meeting for the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). This virtual meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 14, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, and November 15, 2024, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be webcast live via the World Wide Web. The webcast link can be found on the HICPAC website. <https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/meeting.html>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sydnee Byrd, M.P.A., Program Analyst, HICPAC, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, NCEZID, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop H16-3, Atlanta, Georgia 30329-4027, Telephone: (404) 718-8039; Email: [hicpac@cdc.gov](mailto: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; and the Secretary, Department of 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 the following updates: The Division of Health Quality Promotion Updates; Isolation Precautions Guideline Workgroup; the NHSN Neonatal Pediatric Definitions Update and the Healthcare Personnel Guideline Workgroup. Agenda items are subject to change.

**Public Participation**

*Oral Public Comment:* This meeting will include time for members of the public to make an oral comment. Priority will be given to individuals who submit a request to make an oral public comment before the meeting according to the procedures below. All persons interested in making an oral public comment at the November 14–15, 2024, HICPAC meeting must submit a request between October 15, 2024, and October 25, 2024, at <https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/meeting.html> no later than 5 p.m., EDT, October 25, 2024, according to the instructions provided. If the number of persons requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled time, CDC will conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled public comment session. CDC staff will notify individuals regarding their request to speak by email by November 1, 2024.

The Director, Office of Strategic Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 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.

**Kalwant Smagh,**

*Director, Office of Strategic Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Meeting of the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting of the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by the number of audio and web conference lines (1,000 lines are available). Time

will be available for public comment (registration is required to provide oral comment; see the Oral Public Comment section below).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 3, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST, and December 4, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., EST.

Written comments must be submitted by November 26, 2024. Registration to make oral comments must also be submitted by November 26, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held virtually through Zoom. Registration in advance is required to attend. Please visit [https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_1bRtm\\_1MRoiz83dFlQoHQQ](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_1bRtm_1MRoiz83dFlQoHQQ) to register. This registration for virtual attendance will remain open through the meeting. Prior to the meeting, each individual registrant will receive a registration confirmation along with an access link to the virtual meeting location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marah Condit, M.S., Committee Management Lead, Office of Policy, Planning, and Partnerships, National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop US8-6, Atlanta, Georgia 30329-4027. Telephone: (404) 639-3423; Email: [nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov](mailto:nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose:* The Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis is charged with providing advice and recommendations regarding the elimination of tuberculosis (TB) to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; provides guidance and review on CDC's Tuberculosis Prevention Research portfolio and program priorities; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating TB.

*Matters to be Considered:* The agenda will include discussions on: (1) CDC's National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention Update; (2) CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination Update; (3) TB in New Arrivals; (4) CDC's National Tuberculosis Surveillance System and Molecular Surveillance; (5) Tuberculosis Epidemiologic Studies Consortium III; (6) Think. Test. Treat TB Campaign; (7) Laboratory Developed Tests Workgroup Update; and (8) Drug

Shortage Workgroup Update. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

### Public Participation

**Written Public Comment:** Members of the public are welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Written comments must be submitted by emailing [nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov](mailto:nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov) with subject line “ACET December 2024 Public Comment Registration” by November 26, 2024.

**Oral Public Comment:** Individuals who would like to make an oral comment during the public comment period must register by emailing [nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov](mailto:nchhstppolicy@cdc.gov) with subject line “ACET December 2024 Public Comment Registration” by November 26, 2024. The public comment period is on December 4, 2024, at 10:15 a.m., EST.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Readiness and Response

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting for the Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Readiness and Response (BSC, ORR). This is a virtual meeting and is open to the public, limited only by the number of web conference lines available (500

lines). Time will be available for public comment.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 20, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST, and November 21, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Zoom virtual meeting. If you wish to attend the meeting, please register in advance by accessing the link at [https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_sIWaL9XVRqWnBKMB2OO2wQ#](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_sIWaL9XVRqWnBKMB2OO2wQ#/)/registration. Instructions on accessing the meeting will be provided following registration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dometa Ouisley, Public Health Analyst, Office of Science and Laboratory Readiness, Office of Readiness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop H21–6, Atlanta, Georgia 30329–4027. Telephone: (404) 639–7450; Email: [DOuisley@cdc.gov](mailto:DOuisley@cdc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose:** The Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Readiness and Response provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS; the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and the Director, Office of Readiness and Response (ORR), CDC. The Board recommends strategies and goals for readiness and response activities pertaining to programs and research within the agency and the ORR divisions and monitors the overall strategic direction and focus of the ORR divisions and offices. The Board may also perform second-level peer review of applications for grants-in-aid for research and research training activities, cooperative agreements, and research contract proposals relating to the broad areas within the center. For additional information about the Board, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/orr/scientific-counselors/index.html>.

**Matters to be Considered:** Agenda topics for Day 1 of the meeting include ORR Updates, ORR Division Director Updates, CDC’s Response Readiness Framework, and a CDCReady Demonstration. Agenda topics for Day 2 include Poliovirus Containment Working Group Updates, ORR Science Agenda Working Group Updates, and Health Equity Working Group Updates. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

The Director, Office of Strategic Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal**

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**Kalwant Smagh,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–3466–PN]

#### Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities dba QUAD A for Continued CMS-Approval of Its Outpatient Physical Therapy (OPT) Accreditation Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice acknowledges the receipt of an application from the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, dba QUAD A, for continued recognition as a national accrediting organization for outpatient physical therapy providers that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

**DATES:** To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on November 18, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** In commenting, refer to file code CMS–3466–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 this regulation to <https://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–3466–PN, P.O. Box 8010, Baltimore, MD 21244–8010.