

Board members; that is, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a Board member. Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, may serve a term of service on the subcommittee of two years; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee.

With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board shall meet at the call of the Board's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson. The Board shall meet at least semi-annually.

In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all Board and subcommittee meetings for the entire duration of each and every meeting; however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the entire duration of the Board or subcommittee meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Inland Waterways Users Board membership about the Board's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the Inland Waterways Users Board.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Inland Waterways Users Board, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Inland Waterways Users Board's Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, will announce planned meetings of the Inland Waterways Users Board. The Designated Federal Officer, at that time, may provide additional guidance on the submission of written statements that are in response to the stated agenda for the planned meeting in question.

Dated: April 12, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Termination of Provider Reimbursement Demonstration Project for the State of Alaska

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of demonstration termination.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides a termination of the demonstration project in the State of Alaska for individual provider payment rates. Under the demonstration, payment rates for physicians and other non-institutional individual professional providers in the State of Alaska have been set at a rate higher than the Medicare rate. The goal of the demonstration was to determine at what rate payment would need to be set in order to encourage higher participation in the TRICARE program by providers in Alaska.

**DATES:** The demonstration regarding payment rates for physicians and other non-institutional providers is terminated effective May 17, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Branch, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glenn J. Corn, TRICARE Management Activity, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Branch, telephone (303) 676-3566.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 20, 2006 (71 FR 67113), DoD published a Notice of a TRICARE demonstration project for the State of Alaska, with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The demonstration set payment rates for physicians and other non-institutional individual professional providers in the State of Alaska at a rate higher than the Medicare rate in order to determine if more individual providers would participate in the TRICARE program. The demonstration was effective January 1, 2007 for a period of three years, ending on December 31, 2009. The demonstration was extended twice. On December 18, 2009 (74 FR 67179), DoD published a Notice of demonstration extension that extended the demonstration through December 31, 2010, and on July 8, 2010

(75 FR 39213), DoD published a Notice of demonstration extension that extended the demonstration through December 31, 2012.

An analysis of the effectiveness of the demonstration was conducted and it showed an increase in provider participation. This increased participation opened access to local specialty care that had previously been severely impaired, and it decreased the overall cost of health care by reducing the travel costs incurred by the Department for Prime beneficiaries who had been forced to travel long distances to receive care outside of Alaska. The demonstration also showed that each geographic area in Alaska had increased participation using the same "multiplier" of the Medicare rate. Thus in order to preserve the successes made through the demonstration project in improving provider access and to keep the CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge rates in relative proportion with the demonstration rates, the Department has determined that it can use its current authority under Title 10, United States Code, section 1079(h)(5) to provide a state-wide locality based reimbursement waiver without requesting additional statutory or regulatory authority for the State of Alaska. A state-wide locality based waiver was approved by the Director of TMA under current authority (Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, section 199.14(j)(1)(iv)(D)) on September 15, 2011, and thus the need for this demonstration has ceased. This state-wide locality based reimbursement waiver allows the higher individual provider payment rates associated with the demonstration project.

Dated: March 30, 2012.

**Patricia Toppings,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** Due to difficulties, beyond the control of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board or its Designated Federal Officer, the Board was unable to file a **Federal Register** notice for the

April 24, 2012 meeting of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board as required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) meeting will take place 24 April 2012 at the Air Force Operational Test & Evaluation Center Headquarters Annex, 8500 Gibson Blvd. SE., Kirtland AFB, NM 87117. The meeting will be from 7:45 a.m.–12 p.m., with the sessions from 7:45 a.m.–8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.–12 p.m. open to the public. The banquet from 7 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. on 24 April 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, 330 Tijeras Ave. NW., Albuquerque, NM 87102 will also be open to the public.

The purpose of this Air Force Scientific Advisory Board quarterly meeting is to provide an update on the FY12 SAB study topics to the Board as well as an outbrief from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research review and will include discussions on non-traditional intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data collection and exploitation; ensuring cyber situational awareness for commanders; and extended use of Air Force Space Command space-based sensors.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, The Administrative Assistant of the Air Force, in consultation with the Air Force General Counsel, has agreed that the public interest requires some sessions of the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board meeting be closed to the public because they will discuss information and matters covered by section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Any member of the public wishing to provide input to the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed below at any time. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed below at least five calendar days prior

to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board until its next meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer, Lt Col Matthew E. Zuber, 240–612–5503, United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, 1500 West Perimeter Road, Ste. #3300, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762, [matthew.zuber@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:matthew.zuber@pentagon.af.mil).

**Bao-Anh Trinh,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education, President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (Commission). The notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of the meeting is required by section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

*Date:* May 7, 2012.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.–5:00 EDT.

*Address:* National Education Association, 1201 16th Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

*Date:* May 8, 2012.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.–12 noon EDT.

*Address:* National Education Association, 1201 16th Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shelly W. Coles, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 453–7277, fax: 202–453–5632.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is established under Executive Order 13515, dated October 14, 2009. Per E.O. 13515, the Commission shall provide advice to the President, through the Secretaries of Education and Commerce, as Co-Chairs of the Initiative, on: (i) The development, monitoring, and coordination of executive branch efforts to improve the quality of life of AAPIs through increased participation in Federal programs in which such persons may be underserved; (ii) the compilation of research and data related to AAPI populations and subpopulations; (iii) the development, monitoring, and coordination of Federal efforts to improve the economic and community development of AAPI businesses; and (iv) strategies to increase public and private-sector collaboration, and community involvement in improving the health, education, environment, and well-being of AAPIs.

### Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss strategic planning and establish sub-committees of the Commission to help facilitate and focus its work; review the work of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and determine key strategies to help meet the Commission's charge as outlined in E.O. 13515.

#### *Additional Information:*

Individuals of the public who would like to attend the meeting on May 7 and 8, 2012 of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders shall R.S.V.P. to Shelly Coles via email at [shelly.coles@ed.gov](mailto:shelly.coles@ed.gov) no later than, May 4, 2012 at 3 p.m. EDT.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify Shelly Coles at (202) 453–7277, no later than Friday, April 20, 2012. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but, cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Due to time constraints, there will not be a public comment period at this meeting. However, individuals wishing to provide comment(s) about the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders or the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders may contact Shelly Coles via email at