

III. Advisory Opinion Requests

Health care professionals or others may request an advisory opinion from OIG on the following issues:

- What constitutes prohibited "remuneration" or payment under the anti-kickback statute;
- Whether the arrangement or proposed arrangement fits into a safe harbor to the anti-kickback statute;
- What constitutes an inducement to reduce or limit services to Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries; and
- Whether any activity or proposed activity constitutes grounds for the imposition of fraud and abuse sanctions.

The OIG issues Advisory Opinions on specific existing or proposed arrangements in which the requesting party is engaged or in good faith intends to engage; the OIG does not issue Advisory Opinions on hypothetical arrangements. Advisory Opinions will not be issued on questions of fair market value or whether an individual is a bona fide employee. Advisory Opinions will be binding only on the requesting party and the OIG. Failure to seek an Advisory Opinion is not admissible as evidence of intent to violate the law.

Procedures for requesting an Advisory Opinion are available on the OIG website at www.hhs.gov/oig or at 42 CFR 1008.1 through 1008.59.

Appendix E: Carrier Contract Information

Medicare

A complete list of contact information (address, phone number, email address) for Medicare Part A Fiscal Intermediaries, Medicare Part B Carriers, Regional Home Health Intermediaries, and Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers can be found on the HCFA website at www.hcfa.gov/medicare/incardir.htm.

Medicaid

Contact information (address, phone number, email address) for each state Medicaid carrier can be found on the HCFA website at www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/mcontact.htm. In addition to a list of Medicaid carriers, the website includes contact information for each State survey agency and the HCFA Regional Offices.

Contact information for each state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit can be found on the OIG website at www.hhs.gov/oig/oi/mfcu/index.htm.

Appendix F: Internet Resources

Office of Inspector General—U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (www.hhs.gov/oig)

This website includes a variety of information relating to Federal health care programs, including the following:

Advisory Opinions
Anti-Kickback Information
Compliance Program Guidance
Corporate Integrity Agreements
Fraud Alerts

Links to web pages for the:

- Office of Audit Services (OAS)
- Office of Evaluation and Inspections (OEI)

Office of Investigations (OI)
OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities
OIG News
OIG Regulations
OIG Semi-Annual Report
OIG Workplan

Health Care Financing Administration (www.hcfa.gov)

This website includes information on a wide array of topics, including the following:

Medicare
National Correct Coding Initiative
Intermediary-Carrier Directory
Payment
Program Manuals
Program Transmittals & Memorandum
Provider Billing/HCFA Forms
Statistics and Data

Medicaid

HCFA Regional Offices
Letters to State Medicaid Directors
Medicaid Hotline Numbers
Policy & Program Information
State Medicaid Contacts
State Medicaid Manual
State Survey Agencies
Statistics and Data

HCFA Medicare Training (www.medicaretraining.com)

This site provides computer-based training on the following topics:

HCFA 1500 Form
Fraud & Abuse
ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Coding
Adult Immunization
Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP)
Women's Health
Front Office Management
Introduction to the World of Medicare
Home Health Agency
HCFA 1450 (UB92)

Government Printing Office (www.access.gpo.gov)

This site provides access to Federal laws and regulations pertaining to Federal health care programs.

The U.S. House of Representatives Internet Library (uscode.house.gov/usc.htm)

This site provides access to the United States Code, which contains laws pertaining to Federal health care programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the

provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6). Title 5 U.S.C., amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and 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 Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel Cancer Education Grant (R25 application).

Date: June 28, 2000.

Time: 4 PM to 5 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Georgetown Holiday Inn, Kaleidoscope Room, 2101 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: David E. Maslow, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Grants Review Administrator, Grants Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard—Room 8054, Bethesda, MD 20892-7405, 301/496-2330.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Advisors.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation of other reasonable accommodations, should