

- To meet the CMS requirements related to a PoC, ACHC amended its policies to ensure approved PoCs contain all elements specified in section 2728 of the SOM.

- To meet the requirements at § 488.28(a) and section 2726 of the SOM, ACHC developed and implemented new policies that require a written PoC for all deficiencies cited.

- ACHC revised its policies to ensure complaints triaged as immediate jeopardy are investigated within 2 business days of receipt in accordance with the requirements at section 5075.9 of the SOM.

- To meet the requirements at § 418.3, ACHC revised its standards to include the definitions used in the Medicare hospice CoPs.

- To meet the requirements at § 418.52(a)(3), ACHC revised its standards to require that the hospice obtain the patient's or patient's representative signature confirming that he or she received a copy of the notice of rights and responsibilities.

- To meet the requirements at § 418.54(c)(8), ACHC revised its standards to require that the comprehensive assessment consider the patient's need for referrals and further evaluation by appropriate health professionals.

- To meet the requirements at § 418.58(d)(1), ACHC revised its standards to include the requirement that the hospice governing body determine the number and scope of performance improvement projects conducted annually.

- To meet the requirements at § 418.110(c), ACHC revised its standards to ensure the hospice maintains a safe physical environment free of hazards for patients, staff and visitors.

- To meet the requirements at § 418.110(m)(15), ACHC revised its standards to require that hospices document in the patient clinical record: the one hour face to face medical and behavioral evaluation if restraint or seclusion is used to manage violent or self-destructive behavior; a description of the patient behavior and intervention used; alternatives or other less restrictive interventions attempted; the patient condition or symptom(s) that warranted the use of restraint and seclusion; and the patient response to the intervention(s) used, including the rationale for continued use of the intervention.

B. Term of Approval

Based on the review and observations described in section III of this final notice, we have determined that ACHC's requirements for hospices meet or

exceed our requirements. Therefore, we recognize ACHC as a national accreditation organization for hospices that request participation in the Medicare program, effective November 27, 2009 through November 27, 2013.

V. Collection of Information Requirements

This final notice does not impose any information collection and record keeping requirements. Consequently, it does not need to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

VII. Regulatory Impact Statement

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, the Office of Management and Budget did not review this final notice.

In accordance with Executive Order 13132, we have determined that this final notice will not have a significant effect on the rights of States, local or tribal governments.

Authority: Section 1865 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395bb).

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program; No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplemental Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: November 5, 2009.

Charlene Frizzera,

Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

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

The meeting 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; Review of Applications for 'R13' Scientific Conference Grants.

Date: December 10, 2009.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 3AN18, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Virtual Meeting)

Contact Person: Margaret J. Weidman, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Room 3AN18B, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-3663, weidmanma@nigms.nih.gov.

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. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 20, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Cancellation of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the cancellation of the Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, December 10, 2009, 1 p.m. to December 10, 2009, 4 p.m., National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 2009, 74 FR 59567.

The meeting is cancelled due to the reassignment of the applications.

Dated: November 20, 2009.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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