

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; 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 on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Initial Review Group; Epidemiology, Prevention and Behavior Research Review Subcommittee.

*Date:* October 28–29, 2009.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ritz Carlton Hotel, 1150 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Lorraine Gunzerath, PhD, MBA, Scientific Review Officer, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Office of Extramural Activities, Extramural Project Review Branch, 5635 Fishers Lane, Room 2121, Bethesda, MD 20892–9304, 301–443–2369, [lgunzera@mail.nih.gov](mailto:lgunzera@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants; 93.701, ARRA Related Biomedical Research and Research Support Awards, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 21, 2009.

**Jennifer Spaeth,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

[CMS–3214–N]

**Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee—October 21, 2009**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that a public meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) (“Committee”) will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. The Committee generally provides advice and recommendations concerning the adequacy of scientific evidence needed to determine whether certain medical items and services can be covered under the Medicare statute. This meeting will focus on the use of catheter ablation for the treatment of atrial fibrillation. This meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)).

**DATES:** *Meeting date:* The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., d.s.t.

*Deadline for Submission of Written Comments:* Written comments must be received at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by 5 p.m., d.s.t. on Monday, September 21, 2009. Once submitted all comments are final.

*Deadlines for Speaker Registration and Presentation Materials:* The deadline to register to be a speaker and to submit powerpoint presentation materials and writings that will be used in support of an oral presentation, is 5 p.m., d.s.t. on Monday, September 21, 2009. Speakers may register by phone or via e-mail by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Presentation materials must be received at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

*Deadline for All Other Attendees Registration:* Individuals may register by phone or via e-mail by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by 5 p.m., d.s.t. on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

*Deadline for Submitting a Request for Special Accommodations:* Persons attending the meeting who are hearing

or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to contact the Executive Secretary as specified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice no later than 5 p.m., d.s.t. Friday, October 2, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* The meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

*Submission of Presentations and Comments:* Presentation materials and written comments that will be presented at the meeting must be submitted via e-mail to [MedCACpresentations@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MedCACpresentations@cms.hhs.gov) or by regular mail to the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maria Ellis, Executive Secretary for MEDCAC, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Coverage and Analysis Group, C1–09–06, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244 or contact Ms. Ellis by phone (410–786–0309) or via e-mail at [Maria.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Maria.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

MEDCAC, formerly known as the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC), provides advice and recommendations to CMS regarding clinical issues. (For more information on MCAC, see the December 14, 1998 **Federal Register** (63 FR 68780).) This notice announces the October 21, 2009, public meeting of the Committee. During this meeting, the Committee will discuss the use of catheter ablation for the treatment of atrial fibrillation. Background information about this topic, including panel materials, is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/coverage>. We encourage the participation of appropriate organizations with expertise in the use of catheter ablation for the treatment of atrial fibrillation.

**II. Meeting Format**

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 45 minutes. The Committee may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. Your comments should focus on issues specific to the list of topics that we have proposed to the