

- The presenter's financial relationship(s), if any, with any company whose products, services, or procedures are under consideration.
- Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes involved.
- APC(s) affected.
- Description of the issue(s).
- Clinical description of the service under discussion (with comparison to other services within the APC).
- Recommendations and rationale for change.
- Expected outcome of change and potential consequences of not making the change.

Submit a written copy of the oral presentation or written agenda items to the meeting coordinator listed above or electronically to the following address: outpatientpps@cms.hhs.gov. Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission and cannot acknowledge or respond individually to comments that we receive.

In addition to formal presentations, there will be an opportunity during the meeting for public comment, limited to 1 minute for each individual or a total of 5 minutes per organization.

Persons wishing to attend this meeting, which is located on Federal property, must call the meeting coordinator, Shirl Ackerman-Ross, at (410) 786-4474, to register in advance no later than 5 p.m. (EST), Wednesday, February 4, 2004. Persons attending must present a photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel before they will be allowed to enter the building.

Persons who are not registered in advance will not be permitted into the building and will not be permitted to attend the meeting.

A member of our staff will be stationed at the Central Building, first-floor lobby, to provide assistance to attendees. Please remember that all visitors must be escorted if they have business in areas other than the lower and first floor levels in the Central Building. Parking permits and instructions are issued upon arrival by the guards at the main entrance.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring sign-language interpretation or other special accommodations should send a written request for these services to the meeting coordinator, Shirl Ackerman-Ross, at Center for Medicare Management, Hospital Ambulatory Policy Group, Division of Outpatient Care; 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-05-17; Baltimore, MD 21244-1850 by 5 p.m. (EST), Wednesday, February 4, 2003.

Authority: Section 1833(t) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t), as amended by section 201(h) of the BBRA of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-113) and section 10(a) of Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The Panel is governed by the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

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

Dated: December 9, 2003.

Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1247-N]

Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting in Calendar Year 2004 for Ambulance Condition Codes

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a town hall meeting to provide a forum for all interested individuals to discuss and/or submit written comments on the establishment and implementation of Ambulance Condition Codes. Ambulance Condition Codes would be included in Chapter 15 of the CMS Manual System. Development of new ICD-9-CM codes for those Ambulance Condition Codes that do not currently have a satisfactory corresponding ICD-9-CM code will be a separate process that the ambulance industry must address with the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

DATES: The town hall meeting announced in this notice will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The town hall meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Tayloe, (410) 786-4546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 21, 2000, the Congress passed the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (the BIPA) (Pub.

L. 106-554). Section 1833(h) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and section 531(b) of the BIPA mandated procedures that permit public consultation on clinical laboratory services and durable medical equipment (DME) payment policy issues. We are applying this public consultation procedure to ambulance service policy issues for the purpose of this town hall meeting. This town hall meeting is intended to provide a forum for all interested parties to comment on and discuss the Ambulance Condition Codes. The Ambulance Condition Code information may be reviewed prior to the public meeting by accessing <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/paymentsystems> on the Internet. This information will be available for review beginning January 5, 2003.

II. Presentations

Registered persons from the public may discuss and make recommendations concerning the Ambulance Condition Codes. Individuals who wish to make formal presentations must include that information when registering. Presentations must be brief, and three written copies must be submitted to accompany the oral presentation. Presenters may also make copies available for approximately 50 meeting participants.

III. Registration Instructions

Beginning January 5, 2004, you may complete your registration on-line at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/paymentsystems>. Please submit the following information when registering: name, company name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address and an indication of whether you wish to make a formal presentation. A confirmation will be sent upon receipt of the registration.

Because this meeting will be located on Federal property, for security reasons, any persons wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business on January 23, 2004. In order to gain access to the building and grounds, participants must show to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel a government-issued photo identification and a copy of their registration confirmation. Individuals who have not registered in advance will not be allowed to enter the building to attend the meeting. Seating capacity is limited to the first 250 registrants.

The on-site check-in for visitors will be held from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., followed by opening remarks. Please allow sufficient time to arrive to go through the security checkpoints. It is

suggested that you arrive at 7500 Security Boulevard no later than 8:40 a.m. so that you will be able to arrive promptly at the meeting by 9 a.m. All items brought to CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of demonstration or to support a presentation, are subject to inspection.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations must provide that information upon registering for the meeting.

Authority: Sections 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395hh)

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Grants for Coordinated HIV Services and Research for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In notice document FR Doc. 03–22427, Vol. 68, No. 171, Thursday, September 4, 2003, make the correction:

On page 52658, in the third column under “Limited Competition.” Correct the areas of limited competition to add: LA—Baton Rouge.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given

of the following Federal advisory committee meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

Name: National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps.

Date and Time: March 18, 2004; 5 p.m.–7 p.m.; March 19, 2004; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; March 20, 2004; 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; March 21, 2004; 8 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Place: Embassy Suites Hotel Raleigh/Crabtree, 4700 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612, 919–881–0000.

Agenda: The Council will be meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, to focus on rural implementation issues of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). Members will meet with local scholars, loan re-payers and program alumni. State Officials will also address council, including communities which have used NHSC services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tira Robinson, Division of National Health Service Corps, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8A–55, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone (301) 594–4140.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

Tina M. Cheatham,

Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry.

Date and Time: February 12, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and February 13, 2004, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Place: The Holiday Inn Select, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations on a broad range of issues dealing with programs and activities authorized under section 747 of the Public Health Service Act as amended by The Health Professions Education Partnership Act

of 1998, Public Law 105–392. At this meeting the Advisory Committee will work on its fourth report which will be submitted to Congress and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in November 2004. The fourth report focuses on the role of primary care in health care delivery in the future and the implications for training health professionals. This meeting also will devote time for a discussion of outcomes of Title VII, section 747 programs.

Agenda: The meeting on Thursday, February 12, will begin with opening comments from the Chair of the Advisory Committee. A plenary session will follow in which Advisory Committee members will discuss various sections of the fourth report. The Advisory Committee will divide into workgroups to further develop the fourth report. An opportunity will be provided for public comment.

On Friday, February 13, the Advisory Committee will meet in plenary session to continue its work on the fourth report. There will be a discussion of a subcommittee report on how to measure outcomes of Title VII, section 747 training programs. An opportunity will be provided for public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anyone interested in obtaining a roster of members or other relevant information should write or contact Jerilyn K. Glass, M.D., Ph.D., Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9A–27, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443–6326. The web address for information on the Advisory Committee is <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/medicine-dentistry/actpcmd>.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

Tina M. Cheatham,

Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of Filing of Annual Report of Federal Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 13 of Public Law 92–463, the fiscal year 2003 annual report for the following Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Federal advisory committee has been