

Yearly; *Affected Public*: Private Sector; Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 140,290; *Total Annual Responses*: 140,290; *Total Annual Hours*: (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kim McPhillips at 410-786-5374. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

8. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicare Enrollment Application *Use*: The primary function of the CMS-855 Medicare enrollment application is to gather information from a provider or supplier that tells us who it is, whether it meets certain qualifications to be a health care provider or supplier, where it practices or renders its services, the identity of the owners of the enrolling entity, and other information necessary to establish correct claims payments. The goal of this submission is to address the following issues. The CMS-855A enrollment form currently captures ownership/managerial information on providers. The data required under sections 6401 and 6001, however, is more specific than that currently obtained on the CMS-855A. CMS will therefore create four attachments to the CMS-855A—two for SNFs and the other two for physician-owned hospitals—to secure this information. In addition to the application changes triggered by ACA, CMS is making other revisions to the forms as well. *Form Number*: CMS-855 (A, B, I, R) (OMB#: 0938-0685); *Frequency*: Yearly; *Affected Public*: Private Sector; Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 440,450; *Total Annual Responses*: 440,450; *Total Annual Hours*: 842,810 (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kim McPhillips at 410-786-5374. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

9. *Type of Information Collection Request*: New collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medicare Enrollment Application for Eligible Ordering and Referring Physicians and Non-physician Practices *Use*: CMS is adding a new CMS-855 Medicare Enrollment Application (CMS 855O—Medicare Enrollment Application for Ordering and Referring Physicians only). CMS has found that many providers and suppliers who are not enrolled in Medicare are ordering and referring physicians for Medicare enrolled providers and suppliers. The ordering and referring data field on the CMS 1500 claims submission form requires an ordering or referring physician to have a Medicare

identification number. Without an ordering or referring physician, specific types of claims submitted by Medicare approved providers and suppliers are rejected by Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC) as required by Medicare regulation. Therefore, if an ordering or referring physician does not participate in the Medicare program, but orders or refers his/her patients to a Medicare provider or supplier, the claim submitted by the Medicare provider or supplier for the given ordered or referred service is automatically rejected by the MAC. The CMS 855O allows a physician to receive a Medicare identification number (without being approved for billing privileges) for the sole purpose of ordering and referring beneficiaries to Medicare approved providers and suppliers. This new Medicare application form allows physicians who do not provide services to Medicare beneficiaries to be given a Medicare identification number without having to supply all the data required for the submission of Medicare claims. It also allows the Medicare program to identify ordering and referring physicians without having to validate the amount of data necessary to determine claims payment eligibility (such as banking information), while continuing to identify the physician's credentials as valid for ordering and referring purposes. *Form Number*: CMS-855(O) (OMB#: 0938-NEW0685); *Frequency*: Yearly; *Affected Public*: Private Sector; Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 48,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 48,000; *Total Annual Hours*: 46,000 (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kim McPhillips at 410-786-5374. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office at 410-786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by May 10, 2011:

1. *Electronically*. You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the

instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail*. You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: March 4, 2011.

Martique Jones,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Division B, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-3246-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee, May 11, 2011

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"). 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 currently available evidence regarding the outcomes associated with the use of unilateral and bilateral cochlear implant technology for hearing loss. 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, May 11, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., eastern daylight time (e.d.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. e.d.t., Monday, April 11, 2011. Once submitted, all comments are final.

Deadlines for Speaker Registration and Presentation Materials: The

deadline to register to be a speaker and to submit power point presentation materials and writings that will be used in support of an oral presentation, is 5 p.m., e.d.t. on Monday, April 11, 2011. 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: To attend the meeting in person, individuals may register online at <http://www.cms.gov/apps/events/> or by phone by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by 5 p.m. e.d.t. Friday, May 6, 2011. We will be broadcasting the meeting via Webinar. To attend via Webinar, you must register at <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/cochlearimplant/event/registration.html> by 5 p.m. e.d.t. Friday, May 6, 2011.

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., e.d.t. Friday, April 29, 2011.

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 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, S3-02-01, 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.

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 May 11, 2011 public meeting of the Committee. During this meeting, the Committee will discuss the currently available evidence regarding the outcomes associated with the use of unilateral and bilateral cochlear implant technology for hearing loss. Background information about this topic, including panel materials, is available at <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/medcac-meetings-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA&>. CMS will no longer be providing paper copies of the handouts for the meeting. Electronic copies of all the meeting materials will be on the CMS Web site no later than 2 business days before the meeting. We encourage the participation of appropriate organizations with expertise in the use of cochlear implant technology for hearing loss.

II. Meeting Format

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 45 minutes. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, CMS may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by April 15, 2011. Your comments should focus on issues specific to the list of topics that we have proposed to the Committee. The list of research topics to be discussed at the meeting will be available on the following Web site prior to the meeting: <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/medcac-meetings-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA&>. We require that you declare at the meeting whether you have any financial involvement with manufacturers (or their competitors) of any items or services being discussed.

The Committee will deliberate openly on the topics under consideration. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. The Committee will also allow a 15-minute unscheduled open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topics under consideration. At the conclusion of the day, the members will vote and

the Committee will make its recommendation(s) to CMS.

III. Registration Instructions

CMS' Coverage and Analysis Group is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, individuals must register to attend. To attend in person, you may register online at <http://www.cms.gov/apps/events/> or by phone by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by the deadline listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Please provide your full name (as it appears on your state-issued driver's license), address, organization, telephone, fax number(s), and e-mail address. You will receive a registration confirmation with instructions for your arrival at the CMS complex or you will be notified the seating capacity has been reached. To attend via Webinar, you must register for the Webinar portion of the meeting at <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/cochlearimplant/event/registration.html> by the deadline listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

IV. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

This meeting will be held in a Federal government building; therefore, Federal security measures are applicable. We recommend that confirmed registrants arrive reasonably early, but no earlier than 45 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, to allow additional time to clear security. Security measures include the following:

- Presentation of government-issued photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel.
- Inspection of vehicle's interior and exterior (this includes engine and trunk inspection) at the entrance to the grounds. Parking permits and instructions will be issued after the vehicle inspection.
- Inspection, via metal detector or other applicable means of all persons brought entering the building. We note that all items brought into CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of presentation or to support a presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for presentation or to support a presentation.

Note: Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the meeting. The public may not enter the building earlier than 45 minutes prior to the

convening of the meeting. All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower and first floor levels in the Central Building.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a).

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

Dated: March 7, 2011.

Dennis Wagner,

Acting Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, e-mail paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Rural Health Community-Based Grant Program (OMB No. 0915-0319)—[Revision]

On May 20, 2008, OMB approved the agency's request for the collection of data related to OMB No. 0915-0319 and set an expiration date of May 31, 2011. The agency is now proceeding to submit a revised package which will include program specific measures that grantees will have to collect and report on. The revisions will include measures that are aligned with the agency's updated clinical measures. There are currently six rural health grant programs that operate under the authority of Section 301 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. These programs include: (1) Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (Outreach); (2) Rural Health Network Development Grant Program (Network Development); (3) Small Healthcare Provider Quality Grant

Program (Quality); (4) Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program (Delta); (5) Rural Health Network Planning Grant Program (Network Planning) and; (6) Rural Health Workforce Development Grant Program (Workforce). These grants are to provide expanded delivery of health care services in rural areas, for the planning and implementation of integrated health care networks in rural areas, and for the planning and implementation quality improvement and workforce activities.

For these programs, performance measures were drafted to provide data useful to the programs and to enable HRSA to provide aggregate program data required by Congress under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. These measures cover the principal topic areas of interest to ORHP, including: (a) Access to care; (b) the underinsured and uninsured; (c) workforce recruitment and retention; (d) sustainability; (e) health information technology; (f) network development; and, (g) health related clinical measures. Several measures will be used for all six programs. All measures will speak to the Office of Rural Health Policy's progress toward meeting its goals.

The annual estimate of burden is as follows:

Grant program	Number of respondents	Frequency of responses	Total responses	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program	111	1	111	3.25	360.75
Rural Health Network Development	49	1	49	2.75	134.75
Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program ..	12	1	12	3.125	38
Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant Program	59	1	59	8	472
Network Development Planning Grant Program	30	1	30	1	30
Rural Health Workforce Development Program	20	1	20	3	60
Total	281		281		1096

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to the desk officer for HRSA, either by e-mail to

OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-6974. Please direct all correspondence to the "attention of the desk officer for HRSA."

Dated: March 7, 2011.

Reva Harris,

Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The Division of Independent Review Grant Reviewer Recruitment Form (OMB No. 0915-0295)—Extension

HRSA's Division of Independent Review (DIR) is responsible for carrying out the independent and objective review of all eligible applications submitted to HRSA. DIR ensures that the independent review process is efficient, effective, economical, and complies with statutes, regulations, and