

use the information to select PACE organizations and monitor their performance. *Frequency:* Recordkeeping, Reporting—Quarterly and Annually; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government and State, Local, or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 54; *Total Annual Responses:* 54; *Total Annual Hours:* 44,378.

4. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* 1-800-MEDICARE Customer Experience Questionnaire; *Form Number:* CMS-10163 (OMB#: 0938-0963); *Use:* Section 923 (d) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 established 1-800-MEDICARE as the primary source of general Medicare information and assistance. As part of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA), CMS must provide Part D eligibles and their representatives with the information they need to make informed decisions among the available choices for Part D coverage. Part D sponsors can start marketing their programs on October 1, 2005. The initial enrollment period for the general population will occur from November 15, 2005 to May 15, 2006. The information collected from this survey will allow CMS to monitor callers' satisfaction with various aspects of both the Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR) component and live Customer Service Representative (CSR) component of the 1-800-MEDICARE line. Timely feedback from customers on key satisfaction indicators will be used for continuous quality enhancement. *Frequency:* Reporting—Weekly, Quarterly and Monthly; *Affected Public:* Individuals and Households; *Number of Respondents:* 31,200; *Total Annual Responses:* 31,200; *Total Annual Hours:* 4940.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prd/>, 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 on (410) 786-1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on November 29, 2005.

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Bonnie L. Harkless, Room C4-26-05,

7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: September 21, 2005.

Michelle Shortt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the Agency's function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage; *Form No.:* CMS-10146 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* Pursuant to 42 CFR 423.568(c), if a Part D plan denies drug coverage, in whole or in part, the Part D plan must give the enrollee written notice of the coverage determination; *Frequency:* Other: Distribution; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or Households and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 450; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,056,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 528,000.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare

Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights; *Form No.:* CMS-10147 (OMB # 0938-NEW); *Use:* Pursuant to 42 CFR 423.562(a)(3), a Part D plan sponsor must arrange with its network pharmacies to post or distribute notices informing enrollees to contact their plan to request a coverage determination or an exception if the enrollee disagrees with the information provided by the pharmacy; *Frequency:* Other: Distribution; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or Households and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 41,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 35,000,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 583,333.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for these paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prd/>, 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 on (410) 786-1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB Desk Officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on October 31, 2005.

OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Christopher Martin, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 23, 2005.

Michelle Shortt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1269-N6]

Medicare Program; Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG): Announcement of a New Member

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the selection of a new member of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG). The purpose of

the EMTALA TAG is to review regulations affecting hospital and physician responsibilities under EMTALA to individuals who come to a hospital seeking examination or treatment for medical conditions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beverly J. Parker, (410) 786-5320. George Morey, (410) 786-4653. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 1866(a)(1)(I), 1866(a)(1)(N), and 1867 of the Social Security Act (the Act) impose specific obligations on Medicare-participating hospitals that offer emergency services. These obligations concern individuals who come to a hospital emergency department and request or have a request made on their behalf for examination or treatment for a medical condition. EMTALA applies to all these individuals, regardless of whether or not they are beneficiaries of any program under the Act. Section 1867 of the Act sets forth requirements for medical screening examinations for emergency medical conditions, as well as necessary stabilizing treatment or appropriate transfer.

Regulations implementing the EMTALA legislation are set forth at 42 CFR 489.20(l), (m), (q) and (r)(1), (r)(2), (r)(3), and 489.24. Section 945 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108-173), requires that the Secretary establish a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for advice concerning issues related to EMTALA regulations and implementation.

Section 945 of the MMA specifies that the EMTALA TAG—

- Shall review the EMTALA regulations;
- May provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary concerning these regulations and their application to hospitals and physicians;
- Shall solicit comments and recommendations from hospitals, physicians, and the public regarding implementation of such regulations; and
- May disseminate information concerning the application of these regulations to hospitals, physicians, and the public.

The EMTALA TAG, as chartered under the legal authority of section 945 of the MMA, is also governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) for the selection of members and the conduct of all meetings.

In the May 28, 2004 **Federal Register** (69 FR 30654), we specified the statutory requirements regarding the charter, general responsibilities, and structure of the EMTALA TAG. That notice also solicited nominations for members based on the statutory requirements for the EMTALA TAG. In the August 27, 2004 **Federal Register** (69 FR 52699), we solicited nominations again for members in two categories (patient representatives and a State survey agency representative) for which no nominations were received in response to the May 28, 2004 **Federal Register** notice. In the March 15, 2005 **Federal Register** (70 FR 12691), we announced the inaugural meeting of the EMTALA TAG and the membership selection. That meeting was held on March 30 and 31, 2005. On May 18, 2005 (70 FR 28541) we announced the second meeting of the EMTALA TAG with a purpose to hear public testimony and consider written responses from medical societies and other organizations on specific issues considered by the EMTALA TAG at its inaugural meeting. The second TAG meeting was held on June 15, 16, and 17, 2005.

On September 23, 2005, (70 FR 55903), we announced the third meeting of the EMTALA TAG, for the purpose of enabling the EMTALA TAG to hear additional testimony and further consider written responses from medical societies and other organizations on specific issues considered by the TAG at previous meetings. The third TAG meeting is scheduled for October 26, 27, and 28, 2005.

II. Selection of New EMTALA TAG Member

In the March 15, 2005 **Federal Register** (70 FR 12691), we announced the EMTALA TAG membership. One of those original members, a hospital representative, has been unable to complete his term of service. To enable the TAG to continue to function as required by section 945 of the MMA and to ensure that the concerns of hospitals are appropriately considered during TAG deliberations, another member has been selected to serve as a hospital representative. The new member is Rory Jaffe, M.D., M.B.A., of the University of California/Davis Medical Center. Dr. Jaffe was selected from the original list of nominees for the EMTALA TAG.

Authority: Section 945 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital

Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: September 23, 2005.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Calendar Year 2005 Review of the Appropriateness of Payment Amounts for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs) Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

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

ACTION: Notice with public comment period.

SUMMARY: In this notice with public comment period, we announce the requests we have received from entities seeking review of the appropriateness of the Medicare payment amount for new technology lenses furnished by ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs). Interested parties submitted these requests for review in response to our May 27, 2005 **Federal Register** notice entitled "Medicare Program; Calendar Year 2005 Review of the Appropriateness of Payment Amounts for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs) Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)." We received one timely application for review by the June 27, 2005 due date listed in that **Federal Register** notice. In this notice with comment period, we summarize the timely application received and solicit public comments on the one intraocular lens (IOL) under review.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments regarding the intraocular lenses specified in this notice must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-3144-NC. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

You may submit comments in one of four ways (no duplicates, please):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on specific issues in this notice to <http://>