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DC 20580. (202) 326-3100.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Office of Governmentwide Policy

Cancellation of an Optional Form by the Department of State

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide
Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State
cancelled the following Optional Form:
OF 137, Designation of Beneficiary (12/
77).

This form is now a State Department
form. You can request copies from:
Department of State, A/RPS/DIR, SA-
22, 18th and G Streets, NW.; Suite 2400,
Washington, DC 20520-2201, 202-312-
9605.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.
Charles Cunningham, Department of
State, 202-312-9605.

DATES: Effective December 15, 2003.

Dated: December 5, 2003.

Barbara M. Williams,

*Deputy Standard and Optional Forms
Management Officer, General Services
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1370-N]

Medicare Program; The Practicing Physicians Advisory Council's Request for Nominations

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice invites all
organizations representing physicians to
submit nominees for membership on the
Council. There will be several vacancies
on the Council as of February 28, 2004.

DATES: Nominations will be considered
if received at the appropriate address,
no later than 5 p.m. (EST) December 26,
2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver nominations
to the following address: Centers for
Medicare & Medicaid Services, Center
for Medicare Management, Division of
Provider Relations and Evaluations,
Attention: Cheryl L. Slay, Designated
Federal Official, Practicing Physicians
Advisory Council, 7500 Security
Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-11-27,
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Simon, M.D., Executive
Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory
Council, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail
Stop C4-10-07, Baltimore, MD 21244-
1850, (410) 786-3377. Please refer to the
CMS Advisory Committees Information
Line: (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-
786-9379 local) or the Internet at [http://
www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/ppac/
default.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/ppac/default.asp) for additional information
and updates on committee activities.
News media representatives must
contact the CMS Press Office, (202) 690-
6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Secretary of the Department of Health
and Human Services (the Secretary) is
mandated by section 1868 of the Social
Security Act (the Act) to appoint a
Practicing Physicians Advisory Council
(the Council) based on nominations
submitted by medical organizations
representing physicians. The Council
meets quarterly to discuss certain
proposed changes in regulations and
carrier manual instructions related to
physicians' services, as identified by the
Secretary. To the extent feasible and
consistent with statutory deadlines, the
consultation must occur before
publication of the proposed changes.
The Council submits an annual report
on its recommendations to the Secretary
and the Administrator of the Centers for
Medicare & Medicaid Services not later
than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians,
each of whom has submitted at least 250
claims for physicians' services under
Medicare in the previous year. Members
of the Council include both
participating and nonparticipating
physicians, and physicians practicing in
rural and underserved urban areas. At
least 11 members of the Council must be
physicians described in section
1861(r)(1) of the Act; that is, State-
licensed doctors of medicine or
osteopathy. The remaining 4 members
may include dentists, podiatrists,
optometrists, and chiropractors.
Members serve for overlapping 4-year
terms; terms of more than 2 years are

contingent upon the renewal of the
Council by appropriate action before its
termination. Section 1868(a) of the Act
provides that nominations to the
Secretary for Council membership must
be made by medical organizations
representing physicians.

The Council held its first meeting on
May 11, 1992. The current members are:
James Bergeron, M.D.; Ronald
Castallanos, M.D.; Rebecca Gaughan,
M.D.; Carlos R. Hamilton, M.D.; Joseph
Heyman, M.D.; Dennis K. Iglar, M.D.;
Christopher Leggett, M.D.; Joe Johnson,
D.O.; Barbara McAneny, M.D.; Angelyn
L. Moultrie-Lizana, D.O.; Laura B.
Powers, M.D.; Michael T. Rapp, M.D.;
Amilu Rothhammer, M.D.; Robert L.
Urata, M.D.; and Douglas L. Wood, M.D.

This notice serves as an invitation to
all organizations representing
physicians to submit nominees for
membership on the Council. Each
nomination must state that the nominee
has expressed a willingness to serve as
a Council member and must be
accompanied by a short résumé or
description of the nominee's experience.
To permit an evaluation of possible
sources of conflicts of interest, potential
candidates will be asked to provide
detailed information concerning
financial holdings, consultant positions,
research grants, and contracts. Section
1868(b) of the Act provides that the
Council meet quarterly to discuss
certain proposed changes in regulations
and manual issuances that relate to
physicians' services, as identified by the
Secretary. Council members are
expected to participate in all meetings.
Section 1868(c) of the Act provides for
payment of expenses and a per diem
allowance for Council members at a rate
equal to payment provided members of
other advisory committees. In addition
to making these payments, the
Department of Health and Human
Services/Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services provides
management and support services to the
Council. The Secretary will appoint new
members to the Council from among
those candidates determined to have the
expertise required to meet specific
agency needs and in a manner to ensure
appropriate balance of the Council's
membership.

Authority: (Section 1868 of the Social
Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section
10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2,
sections 10(a) and 14)

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

Dated: December 8, 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

SES Performance Review Board

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the CMS Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Mueller, Executive Resources Management Team, Office of Operations Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, C2-12-16, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-5554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c) (1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The purpose of the board is to provide fair and impartial review of the initial appraisal prepared by the senior executive's immediate supervisor; to make recommendations to the appointing authority regarding the performance of the senior executive; and to make recommendations for monetary performance awards. Composition of the specific PRB will be determined on an ad hoc basis from among the individuals listed below:

Gale Arden, Director, Private Health Insurance Group
Gary Bailey, Deputy Director for Health Plans, Center for Beneficiary Choices
Dara Bendavid, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Management
Judith Berek, Senior Advisor on National Policy Implementation
Charlene Brown, Deputy Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Gregory Carson, Director, Medicare Contractor Management
Rose Crum-Johnson, Atlanta Regional Administrator
James R. Farris, Dallas Regional Administrator
Jeffrey Flick, San Francisco Regional Administrator

Robert Foreman, Director, Office of Legislation

Richard Foster, Chief Actuary/Director Office of the Actuary

Wallace Fung, Deputy Director (Technology)

Jacqueline Garner, Chicago Regional Administrator

Thomas L. Grissom, Director, Center for Medicare Management

Thomas Gustafson, Deputy Director, Center for Medicare Management

Stuart Guterman, Director, Office of Research, Development and Information

Thomas Hamilton, Director, Office of Survey and Certification

Timothy B. Hill, Director, Office of Financial Management

Gary Kavanagh, Director, Business Systems Operations Group

Carmen Keller, Director, Office of Medicare Adjudication

James Kerr, New York Regional Administrator

Thomas Kickham, Director, Partnership and Promotion Group

Mary Lauren, Director, Beneficiary Information Services Group

Timothy Love, Director, Office of Information Services

Sonia A. Madison, Philadelphia Regional Administrator

Gail McGrath, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices

Michael McMullan, Deputy Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices

Regina McPhillips, Director, Beneficiary Education and Analysis Group

Solomon Mussey, Director, Office of Medicare and Medicaid Cost

Estimates Group

Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Deputy Administrator, Chair

Elizabeth Richter, Director, Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group

Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Program Group

Dennis Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

Robert A. Streimer, Deputy Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality

Stewart Streimer, Director, Provider Billing Group

Dallas Sweezy, Director, Public Affairs Office

Deborah Taylor, Deputy Director, Office of Financial Management

Joe Tilghman, Kansas City Regional Administrator

Alexander Trujillo, Denver Regional Administrator

Sean Tunis, Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality

Jacqueline White, Director, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Laurence Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group

Charlotte Yeh, Boston, Regional Administrator

Dated: December 2, 2003.

Leslie V. Norwalk,

Acting Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003D-0554]

Compliance Policy Guide Sec. 110.310—"Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002"; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a Compliance Policy Guide (CPG) Sec. 110.310 entitled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002." The CPG provides written guidance to FDA's and Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) staff on enforcement of section 307 of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Act) and the agency's implementing regulations, which require, beginning on December 12, 2003, prior notice for all food imported or offered for import into the United States.

DATES: This guidance is final upon the date of publication. However, you may submit written or electronic comments at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance to the Division of Compliance Policy (HFC-230), Office of Enforcement, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request or include a fax number to which the guidance may be sent.

Submit written comments on the guidance to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section