

Security Number is voluntary, but it may make searching for a record easier and prevent delay), (c) parking space number (if appropriate); (d) vehicle license number (if appropriate) and (e) for the PSC Transhare Program, the requester must provide the commuter card number and the dates of participation in the Program. The requester must also understand that the knowing and willful request for acquisition of a record pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense subject to a fine. An individual who is the subject of records maintained in this records system may also request an accounting of disclosures that have been made of his or her records.

REQUESTS BY TELEPHONE:

Since positive identification of the caller cannot be established, telephone requests are not honored.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Contact the System Manager specified above and reasonably identify the record, specify the information to be contested, the corrective action sought, and your reasons for requesting the correction, along with supporting information to show how the record is inaccurate, incomplete, untimely or irrelevant.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records are developed from information supplied by applicants and, for handicapped parking assignments, by physicians and supervisors.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Ethics Subcommittee, Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announces the following Subcommittee meeting.

Name: Ethics Subcommittee, Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), CDC.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., September 14, 2006; 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m., September 15, 2006.

Place: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tom Harkin Global Communications Center (Building 19), 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 75 people.

Purpose: The Ethics Subcommittee will provide counsel to the ACD, CDC, regarding a broad range of public health ethics questions and issues arising from programs, scientists and practitioners.

Matters to Be Discussed: Agenda items will include discussions in Public Health Ethics of Emergency Response; Ethical Considerations in Pandemic Influenza Preparedness; and Future Direction of the Ethics Subcommittee. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For security reasons, please contact Drue Barrett, Ph.D., Designated Federal Official, Ethics Subcommittee, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., M/S D-50, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone 404/639-4690. E-mail: dbarrett@cdc.gov. The deadline for notification of attendance is September 7, 2006.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Supplier Accreditation Applications From Independent Accrediting Bodies

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs independent accreditation organizations of an opportunity to submit an

application to participate in the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS) accreditation program. DMEPOS accreditation is required for DMEPOS suppliers. This notice contains information on how to apply for CMS approval.

DATES: Applications will be considered if received at the appropriate address, provided in the **ADDRESSES** section, no later than 5 p.m. d.s.t, on October 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244. Mail stop C3-02-16, Attention: Sandra Bastinelli.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Bastinelli, (410) 786-3630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 302(a)(1) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108-173) added section 1834(a)(20) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and requires the Secretary to establish and implement quality standards for suppliers of certain items, including consumer service standards, to be applied by recognized independent accreditation organizations. Suppliers of DMEPOS must comply with the quality standards to furnish any item for which payment is made under Medicare Part B, and to receive and retain a provider or supplier billing number used to submit claims for reimbursement for any such item for which payment may be made under Medicare. Section 1834(a)(20)(D) of the Act requires us to apply these quality standards to suppliers of the following items for which we deem the standards to be appropriate:

- Covered items, as defined in section 1834(a)(13) of the Act, for which payment may be made under section 1834(a) of the Act.
- Prosthetic devices, orthotics, and prosthetics described in section 1834(h)(4) of the Act.
- Items described in section 1842(s)(2) of the Act, which include medical supplies; home dialysis supplies and equipment; therapeutic shoes; parenteral and enteral nutrients, equipment, and supplies; electromyogram devices; salivation devices; blood products; and transfusion medicine.

Section 1834(a)(20)(E) of the Act explicitly authorizes the Secretary to establish the quality standards by program instruction to ensure that suppliers that wish to participate in