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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given that the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHP) will hold its seventh meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Radisson Hotel Old Town Alexandria, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Schwetz, D.V.M., Ph.D., Director, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), or Catherine Slatinshek, Executive Director, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections; Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200; Rockville, MD 20852; (301) 496-7005; fax: (301) 496-0527; e-mail address: sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, SACHP was established to provide expert advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Assistant Secretary for Health on issues and topics pertaining to or associated with the protection of human research subjects.

On April 18, 2005, SACHP will receive and discuss preliminary reports from its two subcommittees, the Subpart A Subcommittee, which is evaluating the application of HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects at subpart A of 45 CFR part 46 in the

current research environment, and the Subcommittee on Research involving Children, which is assessing the HHS regulations and policies for research involving children. The subcommittees were established by SACHP at its October 4-5, 2004, meeting and at its inaugural meeting on July 22, 2003, respectively. In addition, the Committee will receive the final report from the Subpart C Subcommittee which addressed issues related to HHS regulations and policies for research involving prisoners.

On April 19, 2005, the Committee will receive presentations and participate in discussions on the following topics: investigator education; human research protection program accreditation standards for investigator education; the role of the institutional official in a human research protection program; and incentives and disincentives for IRB monitoring and audit programs.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact persons. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on both days of the meeting. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any members of the public who wish to have printed material distributed to SACHP members for this scheduled meeting should submit materials to the Executive Director, SACHP, prior to the close of business on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. Information about SACHP and the draft meeting agenda will be posted on the SACHP Web site at <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp>.

Dated: March 22, 2005.

Bernard A. Schwetz,
Director, Office for Human Research Protections, Executive Secretary, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Meeting of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the first meeting of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group mandated by section 1014 of the Medicare Modernization Act.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 12, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850. The meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry T. Patton, AHRQ Liaison to the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, at (202) 260-7251 or 1patton@ahrq.gov.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Mr. Donald L. Inniss, Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Program Support Center, on (301) 443-1144 no later than April 1, 2005. Agenda, roster, and minutes are available from Larry T. Patton, AHRQ Liaison to the Citizens' Health Care Working group, at (202) 260-7251 or 1patton@ahrq.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1014 of Pub. L. 108-173, the Medicare Modernization Act (42 U.S.C. 299 *note*) directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, to establish a Citizens' Health Care Working Group (Working Group). The statute charges the Working Group to: (1) Identify options for changing our health care system so that every American has the ability to obtain quality, affordable health care coverage; (2) provide for a nationwide public debate about improving the health care system; and (3) submit their recommendations to the President and the Congress.

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is composed of 15 members: the Secretary of DHHS is designated as a member by the statute and the Comptroller General of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is directed to appoint the remaining 14 members. The Comptroller General announced the 14 appointments on February 28, 2005. A list of the Working group members is available on the GAO Web site (<http://www.gao.gov>).

Agenda

On April 11 and April 12, 2005, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Working group