

obstructive sleep apnea, Internal limb lengthening device, Vasopressor agents, Computer assisted surgery, Vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty, Addenda, and ICD-10-Procedure classification system (ICD-10-PCS) update.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Blum, Medical Classification Specialist, Classifications and Public Health Data Standards Staff, NCHS, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301-458-4106 (diagnosis), Amy Gruber, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Acute Care, CMS, 7500 Security Blvd., Room C4-07-07, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, telephone 410-786-1542 (procedures).

Note: In the interest of security, (CMS) has instituted stringent procedures for entrance into the building by non-government employees. Persons without a government I.D. will need to show a photo I.D. and sign-in at the security desk upon entering the building.

Because of increased security requirements, those who wish to attend a specific ICD-9-CM C&M meeting in the CMS auditorium must submit their name and organization for addition to the meeting visitor list. Those wishing to attend the April 1-2, 2004 meeting must submit their name and organization by March 29, 2004 for inclusion on the visitor list. This visitor list will be maintained at the front desk of the CMS building and used by the guards to admit visitors to the meeting. Those who attended previous ICD-9-CM C&M meetings will no longer be automatically added to the visitor list. You must request inclusion of your name prior to each meeting you attend.

Send your name and organization to one of the following by March 29, 2004 in order to attend the April 1-2, 2004 meeting: Pat Brooks, pbrooks1@cms.hhs.gov, 410-786-5318; Ann Fagan, afagan@cms.hhs.gov, 410-786-5662; Amy Gruber, agruber@cms.hhs.gov, 410-786-1542.

Note: This is a public meeting. However, because of fire code requirements, should the number of attendants meet the capacity of the room, the meeting will be closed.

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Dated: March 1, 2004.

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 Disease Control and Prevention

ACTION: Publication of closed meeting summary of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), CDC.

Committee Purpose: This board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this Program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

Background: The ABRWH met on February 6, 2004, in closed session to discuss the Proposed Independent Government Cost Estimates (IGCE) for proposed tasks of a task order contract. This contract, once awarded, will provide technical support to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, regarding the dose reconstruction efforts under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. A Determination to Close the meeting was approved and published, as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Summary of the Meeting: Attendance was as follows: Board Members: Paul L. Ziemer, Ph.D., Chair; Henry A. Anderson, M.D., Member; Antonio Andrade, Ph.D., Member; Roy L. DeHart, M.D., M.P.H., Member; Richard L. Espinosa, Member; Michael H. Gibson, Member; Mark A. Griffon, Member; James M. Melius, M.D., Dr.P.H., Member; Wanda I. Munn, Member; Charles L. Owens, Member; Robert W. Presley, Member; Genevieve S. Roessler, Ph.D., Member.

NIOSH Staff: Martha DiMuzio, Cori Homer, Liz Homoki Titus, David Naimon, and Jim Neton; Larry J. Elliott, Executive Secretary. Ray S. Green, Court Recorder

Summary/Minutes: Dr. Ziemer called to order the ABRWH in closed session on February 6, 2004, at 1:45 p.m. The purpose of the closed meeting was to discuss the Independent Government Cost Estimate for proposed tasks of a task order contract that provides technical support to the ABRWH review of completed dose reconstructions.

General topics discussed: Closed session procedures and

Independent Government Cost Estimates for task proposals of the task order contract. Dr. Paul Ziemer adjourned the closed session of the ABRWH meeting at 3 p.m. with no further business being conducted by the ABRWH.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Elliott, Executive Secretary, ABRWH, NIOSH, CDC, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone (513) 533-6825, fax (513) 533-6826.

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Dated: February 27, 2004.

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 and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), 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 functions; (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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The Medicare/Medicaid Psychiatric Hospital Survey Data Contained in 42 CFR and supporting regulations in 42 CFR 482.60, 482.61, and 482.62.; *Form No.:* CMS-724 (OMB# 0938-0378); *Use:* The collection of this data will assure an accurate data base for program planning and evaluation, and survey team composition for surveys of psychiatric hospitals. All freestanding psychiatric hospitals surveyed will be required to respond.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Federal Government, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, local and tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 200; *Total Annual Responses:* 200; *Total Annual Hours:* 100.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pra/default.asp>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcf.a.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

John P. Burke, III,

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Office of Strategic Operations and Strategic
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-2200-N2]

Medicare Program; Establishment of the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the establishment of the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission (the Commission) that will develop a proposal for addressing the unique transitional issues facing State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAP) and SPAP participants due to the implementation of the voluntary prescription drug benefit program under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

This notice also announces the signing by the Secretary on March 1, 2004 of the charter establishing the Commission. The charter will terminate 30 days after the date of the submission of the report to Congress, but no later than January 31, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marge Watchorn, Health Insurance Specialist, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Mail stop S2-01-16, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-4361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 106 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108-173), enacted on December 8, 2003, mandates that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) establish a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission (the Commission) by March 1, 2004. The Commission will develop a proposal for addressing the unique transitional issues facing State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAP) and SPAP participants due to the implementation of the voluntary

prescription drug benefit program under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act), as added by section 101 of the MMA.

The Commission, chartered under section 106 of the MMA, Pub. L. 108-173, is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

The composition of the Commission must include the following:

- A representative of each Governor of each State that the Secretary identifies as operating, on a statewide basis, an SPAP that provides for eligibility and benefits that are comparable to, or more generous than, the low-income assistance and eligibility and benefits offered under section 1860D-14 of the Act.
- Representatives from other States that the Secretary identifies have in operation other SPAPs, as appointed by the Secretary.
- Representatives of organizations that have an inherent interest in program participants or the program itself, as appointed by the Secretary.
- Representatives of Medicare Advantage organizations, pharmaceutical benefit managers, and other private health insurance plans, as appointed by the Secretary.
- The Secretary (or the Secretary's designee) and any other members that the Secretary may specify. The Secretary will designate a member to serve as Chair of the Commission and the Commission will meet at the call of the Chair.

II. Provisions of the Notice

This notice announces the signing of the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission charter by the Secretary on March 1, 2004. The charter will terminate 30 days after the date of the submission of the report to Congress, but no later than January 31, 2005.

III. Report to Congress

By no later than January 1, 2005, the Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a report that contains a detailed proposal (including specific legislative or administrative recommendations, if any) and other recommendations as the Commission deems appropriate.

IV. Copies of the Charter

You may obtain a copy of the charter for the State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission by submitting a request to Marge Watchorn, Health Insurance Specialist, Center for