

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

[CMS-3312-N]

**Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee—March 24, 2015****AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that a public meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) (“Committee”) will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. The Committee generally provides advice and recommendations concerning the adequacy of scientific evidence needed to determine whether certain medical items and services can be covered under the Medicare statute. This meeting will focus on selected molecular pathology tests for the estimation of prognosis in common cancers (such as, adenocarcinoma of the colon and rectum, breast cancer—invasive duct and lobular cancers, non-small cell lung cancers). This meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)).

**DATES: Meeting Date:** The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

**Deadline for Submission of Written Comments:** Written comments must be received at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by 5 p.m., EST, Monday, February 23, 2015. Once submitted, all comments are final.

**Deadlines for Speaker Registration and Presentation Materials:** The deadline to register to be a speaker and to submit PowerPoint presentation materials and writings that will be used in support of an oral presentation is 5:00 p.m., EST on Monday, February 23, 2015. Speakers may register by phone or via email by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Presentation materials must be received at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**Deadline for All Other Attendees Registration:** Individuals may register online at <http://www.cms.gov/apps/events/upcomingevents.asp?strOrderBy=1&type=3> or by phone by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this

notice by 5 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

We will be broadcasting the meeting live via Webcast at <http://www.cms.gov/live/>.

**Deadline for Submitting a Request for Special Accommodations:** Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to contact the Executive Secretary as specified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice no later than 5:00 p.m., EDT Friday, March 6, 2015.

**ADDRESSES: Meeting Location:** The meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

**Submission of Presentations and Comments:** Presentation materials and written comments that will be presented at the meeting must be submitted via email to [MedCACpresentations@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MedCACpresentations@cms.hhs.gov) or by regular mail to the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maria Ellis, Executive Secretary for MEDCAC, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Coverage and Analysis Group, S3-02-01, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244 or contact Ms. Ellis by phone (410-786-0309) or via email at [Maria.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Maria.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

MEDCAC, formerly known as the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC), provides advice and recommendations to CMS regarding clinical issues. (For more information on MCAC, see the December 14, 1998 **Federal Register** (63 FR 68780)). This notice announces the Tuesday, March 24, 2015, public meeting of the Committee. During this meeting, the Committee will discuss selected molecular pathology tests for the estimation of prognosis in common cancers (adenocarcinoma of the colon and rectum, breast cancer—invasive duct and lobular cancers, non-small cell lung cancers). Background information about this topic, including panel materials, is available at <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/medcac-meetings-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA&>. We will no longer be providing paper copies of the handouts for the meeting.

Electronic copies of all the meeting materials will be on the CMS Web site no later than 2 business days before the meeting. We encourage the participation of appropriate organizations with expertise in selected molecular pathology tests for the estimation of prognosis in the above mentioned common cancers.

**II. Meeting Format**

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 45 minutes. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, we may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by March 2, 2015. Your comments should focus on issues specific to the list of topics that we have proposed to the Committee. The list of research topics to be discussed at the meeting will be available on the following Web site prior to the meeting: <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/medcac-meetings-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA&>. We require that you declare at the meeting whether you have any financial involvement with manufacturers (or their competitors) of any items or services being discussed. Speakers presenting at the MEDCAC meeting must include a full disclosure slide as their second slide in their presentation for financial interests (for example, type of financial association—consultant, research support, advisory board, and an indication of level, such as minor association < \$10,000 or major association > \$10,000) as well as intellectual conflicts of interest (for example, involvement in a federal or nonfederal advisory committee that has discussed the issue) that may pertain in any way to the subject of this meeting. If you are representing an organization, we require that you also disclose conflict of interest information for that organization. If you do not have a PowerPoint presentation, you will need to present the full disclosure information requested previously at the beginning of your statement to the Committee.

The Committee will deliberate openly on the topics under consideration. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the

chairperson. The Committee will also allow a 15-minute unscheduled open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topics under consideration. At the conclusion of the day, the members will vote and the Committee will make its recommendation(s) to CMS.

**III. Registration Instructions**

CMS' Coverage and Analysis Group is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, individuals must register to attend. You may register online at <http://www.cms.gov/apps/events/upcomingevents.asp?strOrderBy=1&type=3> or by phone by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by the deadline listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Please provide your full name (as it appears on your state-issued driver's license), address, organization, telephone number(s), fax number, and email address. You will receive a registration confirmation with instructions for your arrival at the CMS complex or you will be notified that the seating capacity has been reached.

**IV. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines**

This meeting will be held in a federal government building; therefore, federal security measures are applicable. We recommend that confirmed registrants arrive reasonably early, but no earlier than 45 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, to allow additional time to clear security. Security measures include the following:

- Presentation of government-issued photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel.
- Inspection of vehicle's interior and exterior (this includes engine and trunk inspection) at the entrance to the

grounds. Parking permits and instructions will be issued after the vehicle inspection.

- Inspection, via metal detector or other applicable means, of all persons entering the building. We note that all items brought into CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of presentation or to support a presentation, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for presentation or to support a presentation.

**Note:** Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the meeting. The public may not enter the building earlier than 45 minutes prior to the convening of the meeting. All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower and first floor levels in the Central Building.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a).

Dated: January 9, 2015.

**Patrick Conway,**

*Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality and CMS Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB No.: 0970-0401.

*Description:* Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. In order to work continuously to ensure that the Administration for Children and Families' programs are effective and meet our customers' needs we use a generic clearance process to collect qualitative feedback on our service delivery. This collection of information is necessary to enable ACF to garner customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient timely manner, in accord with our commitment to improving service delivery. The information collected from our customers and stakeholders will help ensure that users have an effective, efficient and satisfying experience with the programs. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or change in operation might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between ACF and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

This request is an extension of the "generic fast-track" process offered to all government agencies by OMB in 2010. Fast-track means each request receives approval five days after submission, if no issues are brought to ACF's attention by OMB within the five days.

*Respondents:* Individuals, State and Local Governments, and Tribes.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Survey .....	3000	1	0.5	2500

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:*

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be

identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

*OMB Comment:* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it

within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, *Email: OIRA\_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV, Attn:*