

## CMS Requests Nominations for the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that the Charter of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME), as renamed the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), has been renewed and the scope of the charter has been expanded. The Panel will provide advice to CMS on developing and implementing education programs that support individuals who are not only eligible for Medicare but who are also eligible for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The education programs will assist eligible individuals with information pertaining to options for selecting health care coverage under these and other programs envisioned under the Affordable Care Act to ensure improved access to quality care, including prevention services. The expansion of this Charter also includes advising on education of providers and stakeholders with respect to health care reform and certain provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

CMS is requesting nominations for individuals to serve as members of the APOE. The members shall be selected from authorities knowledgeable in one or more of the following fields:

- Senior citizen advocacy.
- Outreach to minority communities.
- Health communications.
- Disease-related advocacy.
- Disability policy and access.
- Health economics research.
- Health insurers and plans.
- Health IT.
- Direct patient care.
- Matters of labor and retirement.

Representatives of the general public may also serve on the APOE.

Further information about APOE can be found at [http://www.cms.gov/FACA/04\\_APOE.asp](http://www.cms.gov/FACA/04_APOE.asp).

The Federal Register Notice that provides instructions on how to nominate individuals can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-03-03/pdf/2011-4754.pdf>.