

example, provisional, conditional, temporary) of accreditation offered by the organization, the duration of each type and category of accreditation and a statement identifying the types and categories that would serve as a basis for accreditation if CMS approves the accreditation organization.

- A list of all currently accredited MA organizations and the type, category, and expiration date of the accreditation held by each of them.

- A list of all full and partial accreditation surveys scheduled to be performed by the accreditation organization.

- The name and address of each person with an ownership or control interest in the accreditation organization.

- CMS will also consider URAC's past performance in the deeming program and results of recent deeming validation reviews, or look-behind audits conducted as part of continuing federal oversight of the deeming program under § 422.157(d).

#### *B. Notice Upon Completion of Evaluation*

Upon completion of our evaluation, including evaluation of comments received as a result of this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the result of our evaluation. Section 1852(e)(4)(C) of the Act provides a statutory timetable to ensure that our review of deeming applications is conducted in a timely manner. The Act provides us with 210 calendar days after the date of receipt of an application to complete our survey activities and application review process. At the end of the 210-day period, we must publish an approval or denial of the application in the **Federal Register**.

### III. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

### IV. Response to Comments

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this preamble, and, when we proceed

with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

Dated: December 14, 2018.

**Seema Verma,**

*Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–7052–N]

### Medicare & Medicaid Programs, and Other Program Initiatives, and Priorities; Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE), January 16, 2019

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next meeting of the Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE) (the Panel) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning CMS programs, initiatives, and priorities. This meeting is open to the public.

#### **DATES:**

*Meeting Date:* Wednesday, January 16, 2019 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. eastern standard time (e.s.t.).

*Deadline for Meeting Registration, Presentations, Special Accommodations and Comments:* Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 5:00 p.m., e.s.t.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting Location:* U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 705A, Conference Room, Washington, DC 20201.

*Presentations and Written Comments:* Presentations and written comments should be submitted to: Lynne Johnson, Acting Designated Federal Official (DFO), Office of Communications, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mailstop S1–05–06, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850 or via email at [Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov).

*Registration:* The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to

the space available. Persons wishing to attend this meeting must register at the website <https://www.regonline.com/apoe2019jan16meeting> or by contacting the Acting DFO listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation or other special accommodations should contact the Acting DFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lynne Johnson, Acting Designated Federal Official, Office of Communications, CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S1–05–06, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, 410–786–0090, email [Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Lynne.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov). Additional information about the APOE is available on the internet at: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-guidance/Guidance/FACA/APOE.html>. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690–6145.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

The Advisory Panel for Outreach and Education (APOE) (the Panel) is governed by the provisions of Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees. The Panel is authorized by section 1114(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1314(f)) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a).

The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (the Secretary) signed the charter establishing the Citizen's Advisory Panel on Medicare Education<sup>1</sup> (the predecessor to the APOE) on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7899, February 17, 1999) to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the effective implementation of national Medicare education programs, including with respect to the Medicare+Choice (M+C) program added by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–33).

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108–173) expanded the existing health plan options and benefits available under the

<sup>1</sup> We note that the Citizen's Advisory Panel on Medicare Education is also referred to as the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (65 FR 4617). The name was updated in the Second Amended Charter approved on July 24, 2000.

M+C program and renamed it the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. We have had substantial responsibilities to provide information to Medicare beneficiaries about the range of health plan options available and better tools to evaluate these options. The successful MA program implementation required CMS to consider the views and policy input from a variety of private sector constituents and to develop a broad range of public-private partnerships.

In addition, Title I of the MMA authorized the Secretary and the Administrator of CMS (by delegation) to establish the Medicare prescription drug benefit. The drug benefit allows beneficiaries to obtain qualified prescription drug coverage. In order to effectively administer the MA program and the Medicare prescription drug benefit, we have substantial responsibilities to provide information to Medicare beneficiaries about the range of health plan options and benefits available, and to develop better tools to evaluate these plans and benefits.

The Affordable Care Act (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. 111–148, and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. 111–152) expanded the availability of other options for health care coverage and enacted a number of changes to Medicare as well as to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Qualified individuals and qualified employers are now able to purchase private health insurance coverage through a competitive marketplace, called an Affordable Insurance Exchange (also called Health Insurance Marketplace<sup>SM</sup>, or Marketplace<sup>SM</sup>). In order to effectively implement and administer these changes, we must provide information to consumers, providers, and other stakeholders through education and outreach programs regarding how existing programs will change and the expanded range of health coverage options available, including private health insurance coverage through the Marketplace<sup>SM</sup>. The APOE (the Panel) allows us to consider a broad range of views and information from interested audiences in connection with this effort and to identify opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of education strategies concerning the Affordable Care Act.

The scope of this Panel also includes advising on issues pertaining to the education of providers and stakeholders with respect to the Affordable Care Act 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).

On January 21, 2011, the Panel's charter was renewed and the Panel was renamed the Advisory Panel for Outreach and Education. The Panel's charter was most recently renewed on January 19, 2017, and will terminate on January 19, 2019 unless renewed by appropriate action.

Under the current charter, the APOE will advise the Secretary and the Administrator on optimal strategies for the following:

- Developing and implementing education and outreach programs for individuals enrolled in, or eligible for, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or coverage available through the Health Insurance Marketplace<sup>SM</sup>, and other CMS programs.
- Enhancing the federal government's effectiveness in informing Health Insurance Marketplace<sup>SM</sup>, Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP consumers, issuers, providers, and stakeholders, through education and outreach programs, on issues regarding these programs, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships to leverage the resources of the private sector in educating beneficiaries, providers, and stakeholders.
- Expanding outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of Health Insurance Marketplace<sup>SM</sup>, Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP education programs, and other CMS programs.
- Assembling and sharing an information base of "best practices" for helping consumers evaluate health coverage options.
- Building and leveraging existing community infrastructures for information, counseling, and assistance.
- Drawing the program link between outreach and education, promoting consumer understanding of health care coverage choices, and facilitating consumer selection/enrollment, which in turn support the overarching goal of improved access to quality care, including prevention services, envisioned under the Affordable Care Act.

The current members of the Panel are: Kellan Baker, Centennial Scholar, Department of Health Policy and Management, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Robert Blacato, President, Matz, Blacato & Associates; Dale Blasier, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Department of Orthopaedics, Arkansas Children's

Hospital; Deborah Britt, Executive Director of Patient Services, Piedmont Fayette Hospital; Deena Chisolm, Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital; Robert Espinoza, Vice President of Policy, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute; Louise Scherer Knight, Director, Harry J. Duffey Family Patient and Family Services Program, Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center; Roanne Osborne-Gaskin, M.D., Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer, MercyCare Health Plans; Cathy Phan, Business Development Coordinator, Asian American Health Coalition dba HOPE Clinic; Kamilah Pickett, Director, Community Health Compass; Alvia Siddiqi, Medical Director, Advocate Physician Partners, Carla Smith, Executive Vice President, Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS); Tobin Van Ostern, Co-Founder, Young Invincibles Advisors; and Paula Villescáz, Principal Consultant, Assembly Health Committee, California State Legislature.

## II. Provisions of This Notice

In accordance with section 10(a) of the FACA, this notice announces a meeting of the APOE. The agenda for the January 16, 2019 meeting will include the following:

- Welcome and listening session with CMS leadership
- Recap of the previous (September 26, 2018) meeting
- CMS programs, initiatives, and priorities
- An opportunity for public comment
- Meeting summary, review of recommendations, and next steps

Individuals or organizations that wish to make a 5-minute oral presentation on an agenda topic should submit a written copy of the oral presentation to the DFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available.

Individuals not wishing to make an oral presentation may submit written comments to the DFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

## III. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Persons wishing to attend this meeting must register by contacting the DFO at the address listed in the

**ADDRESSES** section of this notice or by telephone at the number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice. This meeting will be held in a federal government building, the Hubert H. Humphrey (HHH) Building; therefore, federal security measures are applicable.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–13) establishes minimum standards for the issuance of state-issued driver's licenses and identification (ID) cards. It prohibits federal agencies from accepting an official driver's license or ID card from a state for any official purpose unless the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security determines that the state meets these standards. Beginning October 2015, photo IDs (such as a valid driver's license) issued by a state or territory not in compliance with the Real ID Act will not be accepted as identification to enter federal buildings. Visitors from these states/territories will need to provide alternative proof of identification (such as a valid passport) to gain entrance into federal buildings. The current list of states from which a federal agency may accept driver's licenses for an official purpose is found at <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>.

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 a government-issued photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel.
- Inspection, via metal detector or other applicable means, of all persons entering the building. We note that all items brought into HHH Building, 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.

#### IV. Collection of Information

This document does not impose information collection requirements,

that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Dated: December 14, 2018.

**Seema Verma,**

*Administrator Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; Independent Living Services (ILS) Program Performance Report (PPR) (0985–0043)**

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living (ACL), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-Day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to Independent Living Services Program Performance Report (Proposed Extension with Changes of a Currently Approved Collection (ICR Rev)).

**DATES:** Comments on the information collection request must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by February 25, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by:

(a) *email to:* [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov), Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL; (b) fax to 202.395.5806, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL; or (c) by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Peter Nye, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 795–7606 or [peter.nye@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:peter.nye@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, ACL has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance. The Act of 1973 requires three Independent Living program reports: (1) State Plan for Independent Living, (2) ILS PPR, and (3) Center for Independent Living (CIL) PPR. The ILS PPR and CIL PPR were previously combined into one submission. However, for the purposes of this data collection, the ILS PPR and CIL PPR are being submitted separately because they are separate collections of different information from different parties. Separating these PRA processes reduces confusion and increases the Independent Living Administration's (ILA) ability to identify issues specific to designated state entities (DSEs) and Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs). This request is for the ILS PPR, which is submitted annually by the SILC and DSE in every state that receives Subchapter B funds. The ILS PPRs are used by ACL to assess grantees' compliance with title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, with 45 CFR part 1329 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and with applicable provisions of the HHS Regulations at 45 CFR part 75. The ILS PPR serves as the primary basis for ACL's monitoring activities in fulfillment of its responsibilities under sections 706 and 722 of the Act. The PPR is also used by ACL to design CIL and SILC training and technical assistance programs authorized by section 721 of the Act. The data is also used to meet the requirements of GPRAMA regarding performance measures. 31 U.S.C. 1115 (2011).

The current version of the ILS PPR that ILA is requesting an extension for was approved by OMB, but will expire on December 31, 2018. ILA plans to substantively review the data collection and publish a revised ILS program data collection instrument before the expiration of the extension request.

The proposed data collection tools may be found on the ACL website for review at <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>.

#### **Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice**

A notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 2018 (Vol. 83, Number 2018–22751; pp. 53062–53063).