

**Practicing Physicians Advisory Council
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
Room 705A
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201**

March 9, 2009

08:30-08:40	A. Opening Meeting	Vincent J. Bufalino, M.D., Chairman, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council
08:40-08:50	B. Welcome	Liz Richter, Acting Director, Center for Medicare Management Stewart H. Streimer, Acting Deputy Director, Center for Medicare Management
08:50-09:10	C. PPAC Update	Kenneth Simon, M.D., M.B.A., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council
09:10-09:30	D. PRIT Update	William Rogers, M.D., Director, Physicians Regulatory Issues Team, Office of External Affairs
09:30-10:15	E. Value-based Purchasing	Thomas Valuck, M.D., J.D., Medical Officer and Senior Advisor, Center for Medicare Management
10:15-10:30	F. Break	
10:30-11:15	G. 9TH Scope of Work	Jean Moody-Williams, Director, Quality Improvement Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality

11:15-12:00	H. RAC Update	<p>Lt. Terrence Lew, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Recovery Audit Operations, Financial Services Group</p> <p>Commander Marie Casey, R.N., Nurse Consultant, Division of Recovery Audit Operations, Financial Services Group</p> <p>Amy Reese, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Recovery Audit Operations, Financial Services Group</p>
12:00-1:00	I. Lunch	
1:00-1:45	J. Local Coverage Determination Process	Paula Bonino, M.D., MPE, FACP, Contractor Medical Director, Highmark Medicare Services
1:45-2:30	K. National Coverage Determination Process	Tamara Syrek Jensen, J.D., Deputy Director, Coverage and Analysis Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality
2:30- 2:45	L. Break	
2:45- 3:30	M. Medicare Appeals Process	Arrah Tabe-Bedward, Director Division of Appeals Policy, Medicare Enrollment and Appeals Group, Drug and Health Plan Choice
3:30-3:45	N. Testimony	
3:45-4:00	O. Wrap Up/Recommendations	