

CMS Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, by May 24, 2002 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

ADDRESSES: *The Meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, Room 337–338, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Presentations and Comments: Submit formal presentations and written comments to Michelle Atkinson, Executive Secretary, CMS Office of Clinical Standards and Quality at telephone number (410) 786–2881, or e-mail address matkinson@CMS.hhs.gov, or via regular mail at: Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C1–09–06, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

Website: You may access current information about this meeting at www.hcfa.gov/coverage/8b1.htm.

Hotline: You may access current information about this meeting on the CMS Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1–877–449–5659 (toll free) or in the Baltimore area (410) 786–9379.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Atkinson, (410) 786–2881, matkinson@cms.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 14, 1998, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 68780) to describe the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (the Committee), which provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. This notice announces the following public meeting of the Medical and Surgical Procedures Panel (the Panel) of the Committee.

Current Panel Members

Alan M. Garber, M.D., Ph.D.; Michael D. Maves, M.D., M.B.A.; Angus M. McBryde, M.D., F.A.C.S.; H. Logan Holtgrewe, M.D., F.A.C.S.; Kenneth P. Brin, M.D., Ph.D.; Les J. Zendle, M.D.; Bruce Sigsbee, M.D.; James P. Rathmell, M.D.; Phyllis E. Greenberger, M.S.W.; and Marshall S. Stanton, M.D.

Meeting Topic

The Panel provides advice and recommendations to the Committee about clinical issues. The Committee advises us on whether specific medical items and services are reasonable and necessary under Medicare law. The panel will discuss the evidence, hear presentations and public comment, and make recommendations regarding the use of deep brain stimulation for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Background information about this topic, including panel materials, is

available on the internet at <http://www.hcfa.gov/coverage/8b3-jjj.htm>.

II. Meeting Format

This meeting is open to the public. The Panel will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 45 minutes. The Panel may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make formal presentations, you must notify the Executive Secretary named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, and submit the following by the *Deadline for Presentations and Comments* date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice: a brief statement addressing the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an estimate of time required to make the presentation. A written copy of your presentation must be provided to each Panel member before offering your public comments. We will request that you disclose at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

The Panel will deliberate openly about the issues discussed after public and CMS presentations. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Panel will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. The Panel will also allow a 15-minute unscheduled open public session for attendees to address issues specific to the topic. At the conclusion of the day, the members will vote and the Panel will make its recommendation.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: April 11, 2002.

Jeffrey L. Kang,

Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–4036–N]

Medicare Program: Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education—May 23, 2002

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 10(a) (Public Law 92–463), this notice announces a meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) on May 23, 2002. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of the 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 the Medicare program. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: *The Meeting:* The meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: May 16, 2002, 12 noon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Washington, DC, 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20005, (202) 429–1700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Caliman, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Partnership Development, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, S2–23–05, Baltimore, MD, 21244–1850, (410) 786–5052. Please refer to the CMS Advisory Committees Information Line (1–877–449–5659 toll free)/(410–786–9379 local) or the Internet (<http://www.hcfa.gov/events/apme/homepage.htm>) for additional information and updates on committee activities, or contact Ms. Caliman via e-mail at ncaliman@cms.hhs.gov. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690–6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), as amended, grants to the Secretary the authority to establish an advisory panel if the Secretary finds the panel necessary and in the public interest. The Secretary signed the charter establishing this Panel on

January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7849) and approved the renewal of the charter on January 18, 2001. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Medicare program:

The goals of the Panel are as follows:

- To develop and implement a national Medicare education program that describes the options for selecting a health plan under Medicare.
- To enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships.

- To expand outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of a national Medicare education program.

- To assemble an information base of best practices for helping consumers evaluate health plan options and build a community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

The current members of the Panel are: David Baldrige, Executive Director, National Indian Council on Aging; Carol Cronin, Chairperson, Advisory Panel on Medicare Education; and Jennie Chin Hansen, Executive Director, On Lok Senior Health Services.

The agenda for the May 23, 2002 meeting will include the following:

- Swearing in and introduction of new members.
- Recap of the previous (February 13, 2002) meeting.
- CMS update/issues.
- *Medicare & You* overview and update.
- Long Term Care Quality Initiative.
- Update on the Fall Medicare Campaign.
- Annual report of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education.
- Public comment.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make a 5-minute oral presentation on an agenda topic should contact Ms. Caliman by 12 noon, May 16, 2002. A written copy of the oral presentation should also be submitted to Ms. Caliman by 12 noon, May 16, 2002. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. Individuals not wishing to make a presentation may submit written comments to Ms. Caliman by 12 noon, May 16, 2002. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special

accommodations should contact Ms. Caliman at least 15 days before the meeting.

Authority: Secs. 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395hh).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.733, Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1215-N]

Medicare Program; June 3, 2002, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council). The Council will be meeting to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary). These meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room, at CMS Headquarters, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

MEETING REGISTRATION: Persons wishing to attend this meeting must contact Diana Motsiopoulos, The Council Administrative Coordinator, at dmotsiopoulos@cms.hhs.gov or (410) 786-3379, at least 72 hours in advance to register. Persons not registered in advance will not be permitted into the building and will not be permitted to attend the meeting. Persons attending the meeting will be required to show a photographic identification, preferably a valid driver's license, before entering the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Rudolf, M.D., J.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, 7500 Security Blvd., Mail Stop C5-17-14, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, 410-786-3379. News media representatives should contact the CMS Press Office, (202) 690-6145. Please refer to the CMS Advisory Committees Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet at <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/ppacsite.htm> for additional information and updates on committee activities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the consultation must occur before publication of the proposed changes. The Council submits an annual report on its recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of fifteen physicians, each of whom must have submitted at least two hundred fifty claims for physicians' services under Title XVIII in the previous year. Members shall include both participating and nonparticipating physicians and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least eleven members of the Council shall be physicians as described in section 1861(r)(1) of the Act (that is, M.D.s or D.O.s). The remaining four members may include dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, and chiropractors. Members serve for overlapping 4-year terms; terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action prior to its termination. Section 1868(a) of the Act provides that nominations to the Secretary for Council membership must be made by medical organizations representing physicians.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992. The current members are: James Bergeron, M.D.; Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Ronald Castellanos, M.D.; Rebecca Gaughan, M.D.; Joseph Heyman, M.D.; Stephen A. Imbeau, M.D.; Joe Johnson, D.O.; Christopher Leggett, M.D.; Dale Lervick, O.D.; Barbara McAneny, M.D.; Angelyn L.