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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

**Claudette Grant,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Initial Review

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces a meeting for the initial review of applications in response to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) CK16-006, Research on Technical Improvement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be used in Healthcare Settings for Infection Control, including Ebola and other Emerging Pathogens.

*Time and Date:* 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., EST, March 17, 2016 (Closed).

*Place:* Teleconference.

*Status:* The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

*Matters for Discussion:* The meeting will include the initial review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to “Research on Technical Improvement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be used in Healthcare Settings for Infection Control, including Ebola and other Emerging Pathogens”, CK16-006.

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**Catherine Ramadei,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has been renewed for a 2-year period through February 19, 2018.

For information, contact William R. MacKenzie M.D., Designated Federal Officer, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop F-11, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404-498-6297 or via email at [wrm0@cdc.gov](mailto:wrm0@cdc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Continued Approval of the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities Rural Health Clinic Accreditation Program

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

**ACTION:** Final notice.

**SUMMARY:** This final notice announces our decision to approve the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF) for continued recognition as a national accrediting organization for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

**DATES:** This final notice is effective March 23, 2016 through March 23, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Monda Shaver, (410) 786-3410, or Patricia Chmielewski, (410) 786-6899.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

A healthcare provider may enter into an agreement with Medicare to participate in the program as a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) provided certain requirements are met. Sections 1861(aa)(1) and 1905(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act), establish distinct criteria for facilities seeking designation as a RHC. Regulations concerning Medicare provider agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 and those pertaining to the survey and certification for Medicare participation of providers and certain types of suppliers are at 42 CFR part 488. The regulations at 42 CFR part 491, subpart A specify the conditions that a provider must meet to participate in the Medicare program as a RHC.

Generally, to enter into a Medicare provider agreement, a facility must first be certified by a state survey agency as complying with the conditions or requirements set forth in part 491, subpart A, of our Medicare regulations. Thereafter, the RHC is subject to periodic surveys by a state survey agency to determine whether it continues to meet these conditions. However; there is an alternative to certification surveys by state agencies. Accreditation by a nationally recognized Medicare accreditation program approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) may substitute for both initial and ongoing state review.