DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control

Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Effectiveness of Empiric Antiviral Treatment for Hospitalized Community Acquired Pneumonia during the Influenza Season, Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) IP10–007, 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 the aforementioned meeting:

**Time and Date:** 12 p.m.–2 p.m., June 15, 2010 (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 to be Discussed:** The meeting will include the initial review, discussion, and evaluation of "Member Conflict Review, PA 07–318."

**Contact Person for More Information:** M. Chris Langub, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Programs, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E74, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; Telephone: (404) 498–2543.

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 CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

**Dated:** May 20, 2010.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–1340–N]

Medicare Program; Public Meeting in Calendar Year 2010 for New Clinical Laboratory Tests Payment Determinations

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting to receive comments and recommendations (including accompanying data on which recommendations are based) from the public on the appropriate basis for establishing payment amounts for a specified list of new Clinical Procedure Terminology (CPT) codes for clinical laboratory tests in calendar year (CY) 2011. The meeting provides a forum for interested parties to make presentations and submit written comments on the new codes that will be included in Medicare’s Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule for CY 2011, which will be effective on January 1, 2011. The development of the codes for clinical laboratory tests is largely performed by the CPT Editorial Panel and will not be further discussed at the meeting.

**DATES:** Meeting Date: The public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (E.S.T.).

**Deadline for Registration of Presenters:** All presenters for the public meeting must register by July 16, 2010.

**Deadline for Submitting Requests for Special Accommodations:** Requests for special accommodations must be received no later than 5 p.m., E.S.T. on July 16, 2010.

**Deadline for Submission of Written Comments:** Interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed payment determinations by September 24, 2010, to the address specified in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the central building of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glenn McGuirk, (410) 786–5723.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 531(b) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) (Pub. L. 106–554) requires the Secretary to establish procedures for coding and payment determinations for new clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under Part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act) that permit public consultation in a manner consistent with the procedures established for implementing coding modifications for International Classification of Diseases (ICD–9–CM). The procedures and public meeting announced in this notice for new clinical laboratory tests are in accordance with the procedures published on November 23, 2001 in the Federal Register (66 FR 58743) to implement section 531(b) of BIPA.

Section 942(b) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108–173) added section 1833(h)(6) of the Act. Section 1833(h)(6)(A) of the Act states that such new tests are any clinical diagnostic laboratory tests with respect to which a new or substantially revised Healthcare Common Procedures Coding System (HCPCS) code is assigned on or after January 1, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as, “new test” or “new clinical laboratory test”). Section 1833(h)(8)(B) of the Act sets forth the methods for determining payment bases for new tests. Pertinent to this notice, section 1833(h)(8)(B)(ii) and (ii) of the Act requires the Secretary to make available to the public a list that includes new tests for which establishment of a payment amount is being considered for a year and, on the same day that the list is made available, to publish in the Federal Register a notice of a meeting to receive comments...