SUMMARY: This notice announces a request for applications for organizations to participate in the Pioneer Accountable Care Organization Model for a period beginning in 2011 and ending December 2016.


Application Submission Deadline: Applications must be received on or before July 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted by mail to the following address by the date specified in the DATES section of this notice: Pioneer ACO Model, Attention: Maria Alexander, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Mail Stop S3–13–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: PioneerACO@cms.hhs.gov for questions regarding the aspects of the Pioneer Accountable Care Organization Model or the application process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

We are committed to achieving the three-part aim of better health, better health care, and lower per-capita costs for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Program beneficiaries. One potential mechanism for achieving this goal is for CMS to partner with groups of health care providers of services and suppliers with a mechanism for shared governance that have formed an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) through which they work together to manage and coordinate care for a specified group of patients. We will pursue such partnerships through two complementary efforts—the Medicare Shared Savings Program and initiatives undertaken by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center). The Pioneer ACO Model is an Innovation Center initiative targeted at organizations that can demonstrate the improvements in financial and clinical performance with respect to the care of Medicare beneficiaries that are possible in a mature ACO. To be eligible to participate in the Pioneer ACO Model, organizations would ideally already be coordinating care for a significant portion of their Medicare beneficiaries and be positioned to transform both their care and financial models from fee-for-service to a three-part aim, value based model. This notice provides a general overview of the Pioneer ACO Model. For more details see the Request for application which is available on the Innovation Center Web site at http://innovations.cms.gov/areas-of-focus/seamless-and-coordinated-care-models/pioneer-aco.

II. Provisions of the Notice

Consistent with its authority under section 1115A of the Social Security Act (of the Act), as added by section 3021 of the Affordable Care Act, to test innovative payment and service delivery models that reduce spending under Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP, while preserving or enhancing the quality of care, the Innovation Center aims to achieve the following goals through implementation of the Pioneer ACO Model:

• Test a more rapid transition for providers from volume based FFS payments to payment for coordination and outcomes.
• Promote a diversity of successful ACOs, including physician-led ACOs and those serving indigent or rural populations.

This Model will test the effectiveness of a combination of the following:

• Payment arrangements that place a group of providers at joint risk for quality performance and financial performance for the majority of their patients and revenues (including non-Medicare patients and revenues). Such payment arrangements will require participants to transition from fee-for-service to population-based payment by the third performance year. We believe the payment arrangements being tested will provide more opportunities for rapid escalation of shared savings and risk compared to the Medicare Shared Savings Program.
• Technical support in the form of rapid data feedback and shared learning activities.
• Size and scope of testing: We expect to partner with approximately 30 organizations in the Model, with a minimum of 15,000 Medicare beneficiaries each (5,000 for rural ACOs). The application process and selection criteria are described in Section IV of the Request for Applications but in general, applications will be prioritized based on the strength of their care improvement plans, leadership, and commitment to outcomes-based payments to non-Medicare purchasers. Final selection will be based on the strength of the application and interviews of finalists, together with other factors to promote representation of diverse geographic areas, types of organizations, and types of Medicare populations served.

• Population: ACOs will be accountable for all fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries that CMS determines are aligned with them, and who have continuous enrollment in Parts A and B during baseline and performance periods, with emphasis on encouraging care of underserved populations and dual eligibles.
• Duration: Between 5 and 6 years (start third or fourth quarter of 2011 and end December 2016, which includes two 1-year optional periods).

III. Collection of Information Requirements

Section 1115A(d) of the Act waives the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Innovation Center for purposes of testing new payment and service delivery models.

Authority: Section 1115A of the Social Security Act.

Dated: March 10, 2011.

Donald M. Berwick,
Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

President’s Committee for People With Intellectual Disabilities; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Quarterly Meeting.

DATES: Thursday, June 16, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST; and Friday, June 17, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 800 on the Penthouse Level of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Individuals who would like to participate via conference call may do so by dialing 888–323–9869, pass code: PCPID. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., sign language interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format
such as large print or Braille) should notify Genevieve Swift, PCPID, Executive Administrative Assistant, via e-mail at Edith.Swift@acf.hhs.gov, or via telephone at 202–619–0634, no later than June 10, 2011. PCPID will attempt to meet requests for accommodations made after that date, but cannot guarantee ability to grant requests received after this deadline. All meeting sites are barrier free.

Agenda: PCPID will meet to swear-in the new members of the Committee and set the agenda for the coming year.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PCPID acts in an advisory capacity to the President and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, on a broad range of topics relating to programs, services and supports for persons with intellectual disabilities. The PCPID Executive Order stipulates that the Committee shall: (1) Provide such advice concerning intellectual disabilities as the President or the Secretary of Health and Human Services may request; and (2) provide advice to the President concerning the following for people with intellectual disabilities: (A) Expansion of educational opportunities; (B) promotion of homeownership; (C) assurance of workplace integration; (D) improvement of transportation options; (E) expansion of full access to community living; and (F) increasing access to assistive and universally designed technologies.

Dated: May 13, 2011.

Sharon Lewis,
Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Food and Drug Administration


Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Class II Special Controls; Guidance Document: Topical Oxygen Chamber for Extremities; Availability; Correction

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is correcting a notice that appeared in the Federal Register of April 25, 2011 (76 FR 22906). The document announced the availability of the guidance entitled “Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Class II Special Controls Guidance Documents: Topical Oxygen Chamber for Extremities.” The document published inadvertently with outdated information in the ADDRESSES, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, and Electronic Access sections. This document corrects those errors.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 2011–9898, appearing on page 22906, in the Federal Register of Monday, April 25, 2011, the following corrections are made:

1. On page 22906, in the first column, correct the ADDRESSES caption to read:

ADDRESSES: Submit written request for single copies of the guidance document entitled “Class II Special Controls Guidance Document: Topical Oxygen Chamber for Extremities” to the Division of Small Manufacturers, International, and Consumer Assistance, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 4613, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request, or fax your request to 301–847–8149. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for information on electronic access to the guidance.

Submit electronic comments on the guidance to http://www.regulations.gov. Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

2. On page 22906, in the second column, correct the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT caption to read:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles N. Durfor, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. G424, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–6438.

3. On page 22906, in the third column, correct the Electronic Access caption to read:

III. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the guidance may do so by using the Internet. A search capability for all CDRH guidance documents is available at http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm. Guidance documents are available at http://www.regulations.gov. To receive “Class II Special Controls Guidance Document: Topical Oxygen Chamber for Extremities” you may send an e-mail request to dismica@fda.hhs.gov to receive an electronic copy of the document or send a fax request to 301–847–8149 to receive a hard copy. Please use the document number 1582 to identify the guidance you are requesting.

Dated: May 17, 2011.

Nancy K. Stade,
Deputy Director for Policy, Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, e-mail paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA