

C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary, whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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David A. Shive,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC, announces the following meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting space accommodates approximately 150 people and the audio conference line has 150 ports for callers. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, to the contact person below. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. The public is also welcome to listen to the meeting by joining the teleconference (information below).

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 22, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EDT, and August 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., EDT. A public comment session will be held on August 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. and conclude at 6:00 p.m. or following the final call for public comment, whichever comes first.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Providence, 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: (401)–831–3900, Fax: (401)–274–1562 and audio conference call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll-free dial-in number is 1–866–659–0537; the pass code is 9933701. Web conference by Skype: meeting CONNECTION: <https://webconf.cdc.gov/zab6/yzdq02pl?sl=1>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theodore Katz, MPA, Designated Federal Officer, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop E–20, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone (513) 533–6800, Toll Free 1 (800) CDC–INFO, Email ocas@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program, and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC). In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC.

The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, rechartered under Executive Order 13811 on February 12, 2018, and will terminate on September 30, 2019.

Purpose: This Advisory Board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such

radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on the following: NIOSH Program Update; Department of Labor Program Update; Department of Energy Program Update; SEC Petitions Update; possible discussion of a site profile review (dose reconstruction methods for Feed Materials Production Center (Fernald, Ohio); SEC Petitions for: Sandia National Laboratory (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Metals and Controls Corporation (Attleboro, Massachusetts, Idaho National Laboratory (Scoville, Idaho), and DeSoto Facility (Los Angeles, California); continued review of dose reconstruction methods associated with estimating skin doses; and a Board Work Session. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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.

Sherri A. Berger,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting for the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by audio phone lines available. The public is also welcome to listen to the meeting by dialing 888-790-3409, passcode: 3250534. A total of 200 lines will be available. To register for this call, please go to www.cdc.gov/hicpac.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 29, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: Teleconference Number: 1–888–790–3409, passcode: 3250534.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Stone, M.A., HICPAC, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, NCEZID, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop A–31, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; Telephone (404) 639–4045, Email: HICPAC@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The Committee is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), the Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), the Director, CDC, the Secretary, Health and Human Services regarding (1) the practice of healthcare infection prevention and control; (2) strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections, antimicrobial resistance, and related events in settings where healthcare is provided; and (3) periodic updating of CDC guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of healthcare-associated infections and healthcare-related conditions.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on updates from the guidelines for infection prevention in healthcare personnel workgroup and the guidelines for infection prevention in patients of neonatal intensive care units workgroup. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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.

Sherri A. Berger,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval Washington Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17–0027

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

ACTION: Notice of hearing; Reconsideration of disapproval.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing to be held on August 9, 2018, at the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health, Seattle Regional Office, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98104 to reconsider CMS’ decision to disapprove Washington’s Medicaid SPA 17–0027.

DATES: *Closing Date:* Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by July 27, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin R. Cohen, Presiding Officer, CMS, 2520 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suite L, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Telephone: (410) 786–3169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider CMS’ decision to disapprove Washington’s Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA) 17–0027, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 22, 2017 and disapproved on May 14, 2018. This SPA requested CMS approval to add coverage and reimbursement of services provided by Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) under the Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) benefit. Specifically, SPA 17–0027 proposed the coverage and reimbursement of services provided by DHATs only when furnished in a practice setting within the boundaries of a tribal reservation and only when operated by an Indian health program, and proposed to make coverage of DHAT services available only to members of a federally recognized tribe or those otherwise eligible for services under Indian Health Service criteria. Washington would, therefore, not permit Medicaid beneficiaries to receive Medicaid coverage for DHAT services if they are not members of a federally recognized tribe or otherwise eligible for services under Indian Health Service criteria.

The issues to be considered at the hearing are whether Washington SPA 17–0027 is inconsistent with the requirements of:

- Section 1902(a)(23) of the Social Security Act (the Act) because it would restrict access to services provided by a DHAT to a limited group of beneficiaries, and it would also prevent beneficiaries from receiving DHAT services from similarly qualified dental services providers that provide services outside the boundaries of a tribal reservation or that are not Indian health programs.
- Section 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Act because it was unclear whether DHATs

must be supervised by a licensed professional consistent with the requirements of the OLP benefit, and because CMS was therefore unable to determine whether DHAT services are “medical assistance” consistent with 1902(a)(10)(A) and 1905 of the Act.

Section 1116 of the Act and federal regulations at 42 CFR part 430 establish Department procedures that provide an administrative hearing for reconsideration of a disapproval of a state plan or plan amendment. CMS is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a copy of the notice to a state Medicaid agency that informs the agency of the time and place of the hearing, and the issues to be considered. If we subsequently notify the state Medicaid agency of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any individual or group that wants to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization that wants to participate as *amicus curiae* must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants.

The notice to Washington announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA reads as follows:

Ms. MaryAnne Lindeblad
Director
State of Washington, Health Care Authority
626 8th Avenue PO Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504–5050

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

I am responding to your June 8, 2018 request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove Washington’s State Plan amendment (SPA) 17–0027. Washington SPA 17–0027 was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 22, 2017, and disapproved on May 14, 2018. I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on August 9, 2018, at the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health, Seattle Regional Office, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98104.

I am designating Mr. Benjamin R. Cohen as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact Mr. Cohen at (410) 786–3169. In order to facilitate any communication that may be necessary between the parties prior to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to