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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; September 17, 2001, Meeting of the Practicing
Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and 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. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2001, from 8:30 a.m.
until 5 p.m. e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 800, 8th Floor, Hubert H.
Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Rudolf, M.D., J.D., Executive
Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 435-H, Hubert H.
Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C.
20201, (202) 690-7874. 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 (<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>) for
additional information and updates on committee activities.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the
Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act to
appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the 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 and Medicaid Services not later than December
31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, each of whom has submitted

at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare or Medicaid in the previous year. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members must be doctors of medicine or osteopathy authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the States in which they practice. Members have been invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms. In accordance with section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action before the end of the 2-year term.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992.

The current members are: Jerold M. Aronson, M.D.; Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Joseph Heyman, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Stephen A. Imbeau, M.D.; Angelyn L. Moultrie, D.O.; Derrick K. Latos, M.D. (Pending re-appointment); Dale Lervick, O.D.; Sandra B. Reed, M.D.; Amilu Rothhammer, M.D.; Victor Vela, M.D.; Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D.; and Douglas L. Wood, M.D. The Council Chairperson and three seats on the Council are pending selection.

Council members will be updated on the earlier recommendations.

The agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following topics:

Update-Physician Regulatory Issues Team (PRIT) including a discussion of the Medicare and You 2002 Physician Insert, the Clinical Environment Appraisal Program, and the Physicians Issues Project.

Discussion of the Participating Physicians Fact Sheet.

Update-Evaluation and Management Documentation Guidelines.

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Documentation Requirements for Teaching Physicians

Advanced Beneficiary Notice (provider education materials/cARRIER instructions).

For additional information and clarification on the topics listed, call the contact person in the "For Further Information Contact" section of this notice.

Individual physicians or medical organizations that represent physicians wishing to make 5-minute oral presentations on agenda issues should contact the Executive Director by 12 noon, September 7, 2001, to be scheduled. Testimony is limited to listed agenda issues only. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the presenter's oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 12 noon, September 7, 2001, for distribution to Council members for review prior to the meeting. Physicians and organizations not scheduled to speak may also submit written comments to the Executive Director and Council members. 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 accommodation should contact John Lanigan at (202) 690-7418 at least 10 days before the meeting.

(Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 45 C.F.R. part 11)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare--Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare--Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: August 28, 2001.
Thomas A. Scully,
Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
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