

SUMMARY: This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on April 26, 2001, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on April 27, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Location: Holiday Inn, The Ballrooms, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

Contact: Thomas H. Perez, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-6758, e-mail: PerezT@cder.fda.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12530. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On April 26, 2001, the committee will consider the safety and efficacy of new drug application (NDA) 21-144, Ketek™ (telithromycin) tablets, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for the treatment of bacterial respiratory infections.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by April 18, 2001. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled on April 26, 2001, between approximately 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before April 18, 2001, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On April 27, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)).

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: March 22, 2001.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Joint Meeting of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee and the Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committees:

Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee and the Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committees:

To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on May 11, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact: Sandra L. Titus or Kimberly L. Topper, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-21), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, (for express delivery, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1093) Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-7001, or e-mail: Tituss@cder.fda.gov, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), codes 12541 and 12545. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committees will consider citizen petition 98P-0610/CP1, submitted by Blue Cross of California, that requested the agency to convert fexofenadine hydrochloride, loratadine, and cetirizine hydrochloride to over-the-counter (OTC) status.

Background material, including the petition to switch the antihistamines to OTC status, is available at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/ac/acmenu.htm>. Click on the year 2001 and go to the May 11th Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee file.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending

before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by May 2, 2001. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between approximately 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before May 2, 2001, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: March 22, 2001.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-10035]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection.

Title of Information Collection: Collection of Data on Quality Indicators

for Congestive Heart Failure Submitted by Medicare+Choice Organizations Requesting Extra Payments in CY2002 and CY2003 and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, 422.152(b)(2).

Form No.: HCFA-10035 (OMB# 0938-NEW).

Use: HCFA requires Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) quality indicator performance data from qualifying Medicare+Choice organizations opting to receive extra payments for CY2002 and CY2003. This collection will collect the necessary data to assess the need for extra payments.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 125.

Total Annual Responses: 125.

Total Annual Hours: 11.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, HCFA-10035, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: March 22, 2001.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-1189-N]

Medicare Program: April 26, 2001, Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), 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 Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) on Thursday, April 26, 2001. This Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), on opportunities for HCFA to optimize the effectiveness of the National Medicare Education Program and other HCFA programs that help Medicare beneficiaries understand Medicare and the range of Medicare options available with the passage of the Medicare+Choice Program. The Panel meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2001, from 9 am. e.s.t. to 5 pm. e.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Washington, D.C. Hotel, 1400 M Street NW., Washington, DC, 20005, (202) 429-1700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Caliman, Health Insurance Specialist, Partnership Development Group, Center for Beneficiary Services, Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Boulevard, S2-23-05, Baltimore, MD, 21244-1850, (410) 786-5052. Please refer to the HCFA Advisory Committees Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet (<http://www.hcfa.gov/events/apme/homepage.htm>) for additional information and updates on committee activities, or contact Ms. Caliman via E-mail at APME@hcfa.gov. Press inquiries are handled through the HCFA Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, grants to the Secretary the authority to establish an advisory panel if the Secretary finds the panel necessary and in the public interest. The Secretary signed the charter establishing the panel on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7849) and subsequently renewed the charter on January 18, 2001. The Advisory Panel on Medicare Education advises the Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Care Financing Administration on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education materials serving the Medicare program.

The goals of the Panel are as follows:

- To develop and implement a national Medicare education program that describes the options for selecting a health plan under Medicare;

- To enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships;

- To expand outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of a national Medicare education program;

- To assemble an information base of best practices for helping consumers evaluate health plan options and building a community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

The current members of the Panel are: Diane Archer, J.D., President, Medicare Rights Center; David Baldrige, Executive Director, National Indian Council on Aging; Bruce Bradley, M.B.A., Director, Managed Care Plans, General Motors Corporation; Carol Cronin, Chairperson, Advisory Panel on Medicare Education; Joyce Dubow, M.U.P., Senior Policy Advisor, Public Policy Institute, AARP; Jennie Chin Hansen, Executive Director, On Lok Senior Services; Elmer Huerta, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Cancer Risk and Assessment Center, Washington Hospital Center; Bonita Kallestad, J.D., M.S., Western Minnesota Legal Services/Mid Minnesota Legal Assistance; Steven Larsen, J.D., M.A., Maryland Insurance Commissioner, Maryland Insurance Administration; Brian Lindberg, M.M.H.S., Executive Director, Consumer Coalition for Quality Health Care; Heidi Margulis, B.A., Vice President, Government Affairs, Humana, Inc.; Patricia Neuman, Sc.D., Director, Medicare Policy Project, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Elena Rios, M.D., M.S.P.H., President, National Hispanic Medical Association; Samuel Simmons, B.A., President and CEO, The National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.; Nina Weinberg, M.A., President, National Health Council; and Edward Zesk, B.A., Executive Director, Aging 2000.

The agenda for the April 26, 2001 meeting will include the following:

- Recap of the previous (January 10, 2001) meeting;
- HCFA update/issues;
- Appropriate funding for Medicare education;
- How the private sector conducts Medicare education for retirees;
- HCFA plan to serve limited English proficient beneficiaries and to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information;
- APME annual report;
- Public comment.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues should contact Ms.