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The Director, Office of Strategic  
Business Initiatives, Office of the Chief  
Operating Officer, Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention, 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.

**Kalwant Smagh,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
Services**

[CMS-1815-N]

**Medicare Program; Public Meeting for  
New Revisions to the Healthcare  
Common Procedure Coding System  
(HCPCS) Coding—November 28–30,  
2023**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services (CMS), Health and  
Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the  
dates and times of the virtual Healthcare  
Common Procedure Coding System  
(HCPCS) public meeting to be held  
November 28, 2023 through November  
30, 2023 to discuss our preliminary  
coding, Medicare benefit category, and  
payment determinations for new  
revisions to the HCPCS Level II code set  
for non-drug and non-biological  
products, as well as how to register for  
those meetings.

**DATES:** *Virtual Meeting Dates:* Tuesday,  
November 28, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
eastern standard time (EST);  
Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 9 a.m.  
to 5 p.m., EST; and Thursday,  
November 30, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
EST.

**ADDRESSES:** *Virtual Meeting Location:*  
The HCPCS public meetings will be  
held virtually via Zoom only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

On December 21, 2000, Congress  
enacted the Medicare, Medicaid, and  
the Children's Health Insurance  
Program (CHIP) Benefits Improvement  
and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA) (Pub.  
L. 106-554). Section 531(b) of BIPA  
mandated that the Secretary establish  
procedures that permit public  
consultation for coding and payment  
determinations for new durable medical  
equipment (DME) under Medicare Part  
B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act  
(the Act). In the November 23, 2001  
**Federal Register** (66 FR 58743), we  
published a notice providing  
information regarding the establishment  
of the annual public meeting process for  
DME.

In 2020, we implemented changes to  
our HCPCS coding procedures,  
including the establishment of quarterly  
coding cycles for drugs and biological  
products and biannual coding cycles for  
non-drug and non-biological items and  
services.

In the December 28, 2021 **Federal  
Register** (86 FR 73860), we published a  
final rule that established procedures for  
making Medicare benefit category and  
payment determinations for new items  
and services that are DME, prosthetic  
devices, orthotics and prosthetics,  
therapeutic shoes and inserts, surgical  
dressings, or splints, casts, and other  
devices used for reductions of fractures  
and dislocations under Medicare Part B.

**II. Public Meeting Agendas**

Prior to registering to attend a virtual  
public meeting, all potential  
participants and other stakeholders are  
advised to review the public meeting  
agendas at [https://www.cms.gov/  
Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/  
HCPCSPublicMeetings](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings) which identify  
our preliminary coding, Medicare  
benefit category, and payment  
determinations, and the date each item  
will be discussed. In establishing the  
public meeting agendas, we may group  
multiple, related code applications  
under the same agenda item.

**III. Virtual Meeting Registration**

The November 28, 2023 through  
November 30, 2023 HCPCS public  
meetings will be virtual and available  
for remote audio attendance and  
participation only via Zoom. The  
registration link will be posted in the  
Guidelines for Participation in HCPCS  
Public Meetings document on the CMS

website at [https://www.cms.gov/  
Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/  
HCPCSPublicMeetings](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo/HCPCSPublicMeetings) and in an  
announcement on the HCPCS General  
Information page at [https://  
www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/  
MedHCPCSGenInfo](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo). The same website  
also contains detailed information on  
how attendees can join the virtual  
public meetings using Zoom, including  
dial-in information. All individuals who  
plan to speak (15 or 5 minutes) at the  
virtual public meetings must register to  
attend. All other attendees can access  
the virtual public meeting through the  
Zoom link which will be posted on the  
HCPCS website after the speaker  
registration closes on Tuesday,  
November 14, 2023. Attendees can  
attend more than one day of the public  
meeting.

**A. Required Information for Registration**

The following information must be  
provided when registering to be a  
speaker:

- Name;
- Company name (if applicable);
- Email address;
- Any special assistance requests  
(will be considered if the registration is  
submitted by 5 p.m. EST, Tuesday,  
November 14, 2023);
- Whether the registrant is a primary  
speaker or a 5-minute speaker for an  
agenda item;
- Agenda item and Application  
number;
- Whether the primary speaker will  
use a PowerPoint presentation; and
- Whether the registrant will  
participate in a practice Zoom session,  
to be held on Monday, November 27,  
2023.

**B. Speakers and Attendees**

**1. Primary Speakers**

Each applicant that submitted a  
HCPCS code application that will be  
discussed at the virtual public meetings  
is permitted to designate a primary  
speaker. Fifteen minutes is the total  
time interval for a primary speaker per  
agenda item. The deadline for primary  
speakers to register and submit any  
supporting PowerPoint presentation is 5  
p.m., EST, Tuesday, November 14, 2023.  
We will accept PowerPoint  
presentations if those materials are  
emailed to: [HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov) by the  
stated deadline. Due to the timeframe  
needed for the planning and  
coordination of the HCPCS virtual  
public meetings, materials that are not  
submitted in accordance with this  
deadline cannot be accommodated.

All PowerPoint presentation materials  
must not exceed 10 slides and should be

in PowerPoint presentation format, not PDF. We will not play videos or animations during the public meeting sessions and request the speakers to exclude these materials from their PowerPoint presentation and instead submit any relevant video or animation materials along with the written comments. We request the speakers to ensure that the presentation does not include any inappropriate content before submission.

Every primary speaker must declare at the beginning of their presentation at the meeting, as well as in their written summary, whether they have any financial involvement with the manufacturer of the item that is the subject of the HCPCS application that the primary speaker presented, or any competitors of that manufacturer with respect to the item. This includes any payment, salary, remuneration, or benefit provided to that speaker by the applicant.

### 2. 5-Minute Speakers

Any individual related to the public meeting agenda item, including but not limited to, an employee, stakeholder, competitor, insurer, public consumer, etc., may register and speak as a 5-minute speaker. The deadline for registering to be a 5-minute speaker is 5 p.m., EST, Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Every 5-minute speaker must declare at the beginning of their presentation at the meeting, as well as in their written summary, whether they have any financial involvement with the manufacturer of the item that is the subject of the HCPCS code application or agenda item that the 5-minute speaker presented, or any competitors of that manufacturer with respect to the item. This includes any payment, salary, remuneration, or benefit provided to that speaker by the applicant. We will not accept any other written materials, outside of the written comments, from a 5-minute speaker.

### 3. All Other Attendees

All individuals who plan to attend the virtual public meetings to listen and do not plan to speak, may access the virtual public meeting using the Zoom link posted on the HCPCS website at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/MedHCPCSGenInfo> after the speaker registration closes on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Individuals who require special assistance must register and request special assistance services by 5 p.m. EST, Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

## IV. Written Comments

The primary and 5-minute speaker(s) must email a brief, written summary (one paragraph) of their comments and conclusions. Written comments from anyone, including the primary and 5-minute speaker(s), will only be accepted when emailed to: [HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HCPCS@cms.hhs.gov) before 5 p.m., EST on the date of the virtual public meeting at which the HCPCS code application that is the subject of the comments is discussed.

## V. Additional Information

The HCPCS section of the CMS website also *includes* details regarding the public meeting process for new revisions to the HCPCS code set, including information on how to join the meeting remotely, and guidelines for an effective presentation. The HCPCS section of the CMS website also contains a document titled “Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II Coding Procedures,” which is a description of the HCPCS coding process, including a detailed explanation of the procedures CMS uses to make HCPCS coding determinations.

When CMS refers to HCPCS code or HCPCS coding application above, CMS may also be referring to circumstances when a HCPCS code has already been issued, but a Medicare benefit category and/or payment has not been determined. CMS is working diligently to address Medicare benefit category and payment determinations for new items and services that may be DME, prosthetic devices, orthotics and prosthetics, therapeutic shoes and inserts, surgical dressings, or splints, casts, and other devices used for reductions of fractures and dislocations under Medicare Part B. Please check the CMS website listed above for the final agenda.

## VI. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

The Administrator of CMS, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Chyana Woodyard, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign

this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**Chyana Woodyard,**

*Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; ACL Generic for Administration on Aging Formula Grant Programs OMB Control Number 0985–New

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information listed above. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This new information collection solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to the ACL Generic for Administration on Aging Formula Grant Programs.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by December 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: Adam Mosey, [Adam.Mosey@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:Adam.Mosey@acl.hhs.gov). Submit written comments on the collection of information to Administration for Community Living, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attention: Adam Mosey.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam Mosey (202) 795–7631 or [Adam.Mosey@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:Adam.Mosey@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR