



AGENDA

February 23 and 24, 2005

ADVISORY PANEL ON AMBULATORY PAYMENT CLASSIFICATION (APC) GROUPS' MEETING

DAY 1 - Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Notes:

¹Public registrants may enter the CMS Central Office Building after 12:15 p.m.

²NO meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2005, as indicated in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004.

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08:30 – Subcommittee Meetings

10:15 – *Break*

10:30 – Subcommittees meet with full Panel

12:00 – *Lunch*

01:00 Opening - Day 1

Welcome, Call to Order, Introduction of New Members, and Opening Remarks
Elizabeth Richter, Director, Hospital and Ambulatory Policy Group

01:30 Panel Organization and Housekeeping Issues

E. L. Hambrick, M.D., Chair

01:45 Overview of CMS-1427-FC, Final Rule for the Hospital Outpatient
Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2005 Payment Rates

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a. Dana Burley, CMS Staff

b. Panel's Comments/Recommendations

- 02:00 Data Issues **B**
- a. Low-Volume List and Pattern Analysis
Anita Heygster, CMS Staff
 - b. Stereotactic Radiosurgery
Debbie Hunter, CMS Staff
 - c. Revenue Center List
Tamar Spolter, CMS Staff
 - d. OPPS Inpatient List
Cindy Yen, CMS Staff
 - e. Payment for Reduced Services (52/73/74 Modifiers)
Anita Heygster, CMS Staff
 - f. Data Subcommittee's Report
 - g. Discussion
 - h. Panel's Recommendations
- 03:00 Observation Issues **C**
- a. Overview
Joan Sanow, Acting Director, Division of Outpatient Care
 - b. **Provider Roundtable's Presentation – Jennifer L. Artigue, RHIT**
(G-0244 & G-0263) - **Marion Kruse, R.N.**
- **Valerie A. Rinkle, MPA**
 - c. Observation Subcommittee's Report
 - d. Discussion
 - e. Panel's Recommendations
- 04:00 Packaging Issues **D**
- a. Packaged Codes Billed with No Other Service
Tamar Spolter, CMS Staff
 - b. **Provider Roundtable's Presentation – Jennifer L. Artigue, RHIT**
(Incidental or "N" Status HCPCS) - **Marion Kruse, R.N.**
- **Valerie A. Rinkle, MPA**
 - c. Packaging Subcommittee's Report
 - d. Discussion
 - e. Panel's Recommendations
- 05:00 Adjourn



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DAY 2 - Thursday, February 24, 2005

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08:30 Opening - Day 2

- a. Welcome and Call to Order
- b. Edith Hambrick, M.D., Chair

08:35 Device-Related and New Technology APC Issues

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- a. "C" Code Data for Device-Dependent APCs
Anita Heygster, CMS Staff
- b. **AdvaMed's Presentation** - **Jane Hyatt Thorpe, Assoc. VP**
(Device costs associated with selected APCs)
- c. **C. R. Bard's Comments (APC 0422)**
- d. Discussion
- e. Panel's Recommendations

09:45 Miscellaneous APC Issues

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- a. 2X-Violation Issues
Tamar Spolter, CMS Staff
- b. Vascular Access Codes
Dana Burley, CMS Staff

10:15 *Break*

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10:30 Miscellaneous APC Issues (*continued*)

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- c. **NMAPCTF's Presentation** - **Kenneth McKusick, M.D**
(Placement of Nuclear Medicine CPT Codes in APCs)
- d. **ASH/ACR's Presentation** - **Robert Weinstein, M.D.**
(Placement of 36515 in APC 0111)
- e. **ASFA's Presentation** - **Patricia Jost Golden, R.N.**
(APCs 0112 and 0111)
- f. **Boston Scientific's Presentation** - **Scott Reid, Senior Manager**
(Improving Endometrial Ablation Groupings)
- g. **MD Surgical Care's Presentation** - **Julian Stoughton, M.D., F.A.C.S.**
(Endovenous RF Ablation)
- h. **HOTA's Presentation** - **Sue DeSantis, Exec. Dir.**
(APC 0659) - **James Tyler, Pres., HOTA**
- **Al Dobson, Consultant**
- **Lane Koenig, Consultant**
- **David Main, Consultant**
- **Mark Lieberman, Consultant**
- **Isador Lieberman, M.D.**
- i. **Kyphoplasty Presentation**
(Kyphoplasty APC Assignment)
- j. **MGH's Presentation** - **Michael Zalis, M.D.**
(CTA)
- k. **MGH's Presentation** - **Michael Zalis, M.D.**
(CT Colonography)
- l. Discussion
- m. Panel's Recommendations

12:00 *Lunch*

01:00 Drug Administration for 2006

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- a. Overview
 - 1) Anita Heygster, CMS Staff
 - 2) Rebecca Kane, CMS Staff
- b. **Oncology Nursing Society's Comments (Cancer-related care)**
- c. Discussion
- d. Panel's Recommendations

01:30 Drugs, Biologicals, and Radiopharmaceuticals

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- a. Overview - **Sabrina Ahmed, CMS Staff**
- b. **ACCC's Presentation** - **Ernest R. Anderson, Jr.**
(Drugs and Biologicals APCs) - **Wendy Andrews**
- c. **BIO's Presentation** - **Terese M. Ghio**
(Drugs and Biologicals APCs)
- d. Discussion
- e. Panel's Recommendations

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02:30 Blood & Blood Products

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a. Overview

Cindy Yen, CMS Staff

b. **ARC's Presentation** - **Dr. Anne Eder**
(Blood and Blood Product APCs)

c. Discussion

d. Panel's Recommendations

03:00 *Break*

03:30 Closing

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a. Summary of the Panel's Recommendations for 2006

b. Discussion

c. Final Remarks

05:00 Adjourn