

collection regulations (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of the Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 12½% for the quarter ended June 30, 2006. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Jean Augustine,

Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Confidentiality and Security Workgroup Meeting

ACTION: New Meeting Date.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the rescheduled date of the first meeting of the American Health Information Community Confidentiality and Security Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.). The Confidentiality and Security Workgroup was created by the American Health Information Community as a cross-cutting Workgroup comprised of privacy, security, clinical, and technical experts, as well as representation from the consumer perspective.

New Date Time: August 21, 2006, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This meeting was previously scheduled to be held on August 4, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/workgroups.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be available via Web cast at <http://www.eventcenterlive.com/cfm/ec/login/login1.cfm?BID=67>.

Dated: August 3, 2006.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator; American Health Information Community Biosurveillance Workgroup Meeting

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the eighth meeting of the American Health Information Community Biosurveillance Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.)

DATES: August 24, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090. [Please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building.]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/bio_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be available via Web cast at <http://www.eventcenterlive.com/cfm/ec/login/login1.cfm?BID=67>.

Dated: August 3, 2006.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator; American Health Information Community Biosurveillance Data Steering Group Meeting

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the fourth meeting of the American Health Information Community Biosurveillance

Data Steering Group in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

DATES: August 18, 2006, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090. [Please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building.]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/workgroups.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be available via Web cast at <http://www.eventcenterlive.com/cfm/ec/login/login1.cfm?BID=67>.

Dated: August 3, 2006.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics on September 7-8, 2006

AGENCY: The President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President's Council on Bioethics (Edmund D. Pellegrino, MD, Chairman) will hold its twenty-sixth meeting, at which, among other things, it will hear presentations on and discuss issues in two broad areas: (1) Organ procurement, allocation, and transplantation and (2) the personal, social, and policy-related significance of genetic information and knowledge. The discussions in both areas are continuations of previous Council discussions. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings (although not on the agenda for the September 2006 meeting) include: human dignity, therapeutic and reproductive cloning, assisted reproduction, reproductive genetics, neuroscience, aging retardation, and lifespan-extension. Publications issued by the Council to date include: *Human Cloning and Human Dignity: An Ethical Inquiry* (July 2002); *Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness* (October 2003); *Being Human: Readings from the President's Council on Bioethics* (December 2003); *Monitoring Stem Cell Research* (January 2004); *Reproduction and Responsibility:*

The Regulation of New Biotechnologies (March 2004), *Alternative Sources of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells: A White Paper* (May 2005), and *Taking Care: Ethical Caregiving in Our Aging Society* (September 2005).

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, September 7, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., ET; and Friday, September 8, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, ET.

ADDRESSES: The Westin Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone 202-293-2100.

Agenda: The meeting agenda will be posted at <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

Public Comments: The Council encourages public input, either in person or in writing. At this meeting, interested members of the public may address the Council, beginning at 11:45 a.m., on Friday, September 8. Comments are limited to no more than five minutes per speaker or organization. As a courtesy, please inform Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, in advance of your intention to make a public statement, and give your name and affiliation. To submit a written statement, mail or e-mail it to Ms. Gianelli at one of the addresses given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, The President's Council on Bioethics, Suite 700, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: 202/296-4669. E-mail: info@bioethics.gov. Web site: <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

Dated: August 7, 2006.

F. Daniel Davis,

Executive Director, The President's Council on Bioethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Meeting of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (DHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group (Working Group) mandated by section 1014 of the Medicare Modernization Act.

DATES: A business meeting of the Working Group will be held on Monday August 28, 2006 and Tuesday August 29, 2006. On August 28, the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. On August 29, the session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the conference room of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union. The office is located at 1775 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20006. The main receptionist area is located on the 7th floor; the conference room is located on the 11th floor. The meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caroline Taplin, Citizens' Health Care Working Group, at (301) 443-1514 or caroline.taplin@ahrq.hhs.gov. If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Mr. Donald L. Inniss, Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Program Support Center, on (301) 443-1144.

The agenda for this Working Group meeting will be available on the Citizens' Working Group Web site, www.citizenshealthcare.gov. Also available at that site is a roster of Working Group members. When a summary of this meeting is completed, it will also be available on the Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1014 of Public Law 108-173, (known as the Medicare Modernization Act) directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, to establish a Citizens' Health Care Working Group (Working Group). This statutory provision, codified at 42 U.S.C. 299 n., directs the Working Group to: (1) Identify options for changing our health care system so that every American has the ability to obtain quality, affordable health care coverage; (2) provide for a nationwide public debate about improving the health care system; and (3) submit its recommendations to the President and the Congress.

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is composed of 15 members: The Secretary of HHS is designated as a member by statute. The Comptroller General of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) was directed to name the remaining 14 members whose appointments were announced on February 28, 2005.

Working Group Meeting Agenda

The Working Group meeting on August 28 and August 29 will be devoted to ongoing Working Group business. The principal topic to be addressed will be the refinement of materials associated with the Working Group's final recommendations. Interim recommendations were posted on the Working Group's Web site <http://www.citizenshealthcare.gov> on June 2, 2006. The comment period for the interim recommendations ends August 31, 2006 and the target date for release of final recommendations in September 26, 2006.

Submission of Written Information

To fulfill its charge described above, the Working Group has been conducting a public dialogue on health care in America through public meetings held across the country and through comments received on its Web site. The Working Group invites members of the public to the Web site to be part of that dialogue and encourages comments on the interim recommendations.

Further, the Working Group will accept written submissions for consideration at the Working Group business meeting listed above. In general, individuals or organizations wishing to provide written information for consideration by the Citizens' Health Care Working Group at this meeting should submit information electronically to citizenshealth@ahrq.gov.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Carolyn M. Clancy,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fees for Sanitation Inspections of Cruise Ships

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces fees for vessel sanitation inspections for fiscal year 2007 (October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2007).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David L. Forney, Chief, Vessel Sanitation Program, National Center for