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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (BSC, OPHPR)

In accordance with section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), CDC announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

Time And Date: 3 p.m.-5 p.m., April 22, 2011.

Place: CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Global Communications Center, Building 19, Rooms 245/246, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

This meeting is also accessible by Web Conference. Please contact the BSC Coordinator (*see Contact Person for More Information*) to obtain further instructions on how to participate by phone and online.

Status: Open to the public limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 40 people. Participation by Web Conference is limited to 50 ports. Visitors to the CDC Roybal campus must be processed in accordance with established federal policies and procedures and should pre-register for the meeting as described in *Additional Information for Visitors*.

Purpose: This Board is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR), concerning strategies and goals for the programs and research within OPHPR, monitoring the overall strategic direction and focus of the OPHPR Divisions and Offices,

and administration and oversight of peer review of OPHPR scientific programs. For additional information about the Board, please visit: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/cdcpreparedness/science/counselors.asp>.

Matters To Be Discussed: The agenda items for this meeting include: A briefing to the Board on the findings from the external peer review of OPHPR's Division of Emergency Operations followed by a vote on final recommendations, and updates from liaison representatives to the Board to share key highlights of their organization's activities that are relevant to the OPHPR mission, as time permits.

Additional Information for Visitors: All visitors to the CDC Roybal campus are required to present a valid form of picture identification issued by a State, federal or international government. To expedite the security clearance process for visitors to the CDC Roybal campus, all visitors must pre-register by submitting the following information by e-mail or phone (*see Contact Person for More Information*) no later than 12 noon (EDT) on Friday, April 15, 2011:

- Full Name,
- Organizational Affiliation,
- Complete Mailing Address,
- Citizenship, and
- Phone Number or E-mail Address.

For foreign nationals or non-U.S. citizens, pre-approval is required. Please contact the BSC Coordinator (*see Contact Person for More Information*) at least 7 days in advance of the posted pre-registration deadline for additional security requirements that must be met.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 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.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Request for Adjustment to the Medical Loss Ratio Standard for a State's Individual Market; **Use:** Under section 2718 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), a health insurance issuer (issuer) offering group or individual health insurance coverage must submit a report to the Secretary beginning in June of 2012 for calendar year 2011. The reported data allows for the calculation of an issuer's medical loss ratio (MLR) by market (individual, small group, and large group) within each State in which the issuer conducts business. The PHS Act establishes a MLR standard for each market segment that issuers must meet. A health insurance issuer who fails to meet the MLR standard for a plan year must rebate to enrollees, on a pro rata basis, the difference between its MLR and the MLR standard.

Section 2718(b)(1)(A)(ii) allows the Secretary to lower the 80% MLR standard in the individual market in a State if the application of the 80% MLR may destabilize the individual market in such State. An interim final rule (IFR) implementing the MLR was published on December 1, 2010 (75 FR 74865) and was modified by technical corrections on December 30, 2010 (75 FR 82277), which added Part 158 to Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The IFR is effective January 1, 2011. Under 45 CFR 158.301 (75 FR 74864, 74930), States requesting that HHS lower the MLR standard must submit information that supports their assertion that the individual market in their State may destabilize absent an adjustment to the MLR. Much of the information requested is currently only available at