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Total		8,486			33,944

Frequency: The Applicant provides this Assurance of Compliance when it applies for or receives new HHS funds.

Catherine Howard,

Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee; Meetings

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the 2026 meetings of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC). These meetings include deliberation and voting on proposals for physician-focused payment models (PFPs) submitted by individuals and stakeholder entities and may include discussions on topics related to current or previously submitted PFPs. All meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The 2026 PTAC meetings will occur on the following dates:

- Monday–Tuesday, February 23–24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- Monday–Tuesday, June 15–16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- Monday–Tuesday, September 14–15, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- Tuesday–Wednesday, December 8–9, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Please note that times are subject to change. If the times change, the ASPE PTAC website will be updated (<https://aspe.hhs.gov/collaborations-committees-advisory-groups/ptac/ptac-meetings>).

ADDRESSES: All PTAC meetings will be held virtually or in the Great Hall of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marsha Clarke, Ph.D., MBA, Designated Federal Officer at Marsha.Clarke@hhs.gov (202) 527–0565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda and Comments. PTAC will hear presentations on proposed PFPs

that have been submitted by individuals and stakeholder entities and/or discussion on topics related to current or previously submitted PFPs.

Regarding proposed PFPs, following each presentation, PTAC will deliberate on the proposed PFP. If PTAC completes its deliberation, PTAC will vote on the extent to which the proposed PFP meets criteria established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and on an overall recommendation to the Secretary (if applicable). Time will be allocated for public comments. The agenda and other documents will be posted on the PTAC section of the ASPE website, <https://aspe.hhs.gov/collaborations-committees-advisory-groups/ptac/ptac-meetings>, prior to the meeting. The agenda is subject to change. If the session times change, the ASPE PTAC website will be updated.

Meeting Attendance. These meetings are open to the public and may be hosted in-person or virtually. We intend that in-person meetings will be held in the Great Hall of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building. The public may attend in person, when feasible, virtually, or view the meeting via livestream at www.hhs.gov/live. Information about how to access the meeting virtually or via livestream will be sent to registrants prior to the meeting; and a telephone number will be sent to registrants participating via the dial-in only option prior to the meeting. Space may be limited, and registration is preferred. When registration opens, a link to the registration page will be available at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/collaborations-committees-advisory-groups/ptac/ptac-meetings> prior to the meeting. Registrants will receive a confirmation email shortly after completing the registration process.

Special Accommodations. If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations for a disability are needed, please contact PTAC@hhs.gov at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Authority. 42 U.S.C. 1395(ee); Section 101(e)(1) of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015; Section 51003(b) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. PTAC is governed by provisions of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

Laina Bush,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (Science and Data Policy), Performing the Delegable Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Rescission of Guidance on Nondiscrimination Protections Under the Church Amendments

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice; rescission of guidance.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order (“E.O.”) 14182, “Enforcing the Hyde Amendment,” to end the forced use of Federal taxpayer dollars to fund or promote elective abortion, and the direction under E.O. 14219, “Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President’s ‘Department Of Government Efficiency’ Deregulatory Initiative,” to rescind or modify “regulations that are based on anything other than the best reading of the underlying statutory authority or prohibition,”¹ the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) hereby rescinds “Guidance on Nondiscrimination Protections under the Church Amendments” issued September 17, 2021.

DATES: This action is effective upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Christensen, Supervisory Policy

¹ Per Sec. 6 of E.O. 14219, the term “regulation” includes the term “guidance document” as defined in E.O. 13422 of January 18, 2007, Further Amendment to Executive Order 12866 on Regulatory Planning and Review (“‘Guidance document’ means an agency statement of general applicability and future effect, other than a regulatory action, that sets forth a policy on a statutory, regulatory, or technical issue or an interpretation of a statutory or regulatory issue.” E.O. 13422, Sec. 3(g) (Jan. 18, 2007).)