

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports

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| 1. Department or Agency | 2. Fiscal Year |
| Department of Health and Human Services | 2017 |
| 3. Committee or Subcommittee | 3b. GSA Committee No. |
| Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports | 21480 |

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| 4. Is this New Fiscal Year? | 5. Current Charter | 6. Expected Renewal Date | 7. Expected Term Date |
| No | 03/04/2016 | 03/04/2018 | |

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| 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? | 8b. Specific Termination Authority | 8c. Actual Term Date |
| Yes | Agency Memo from HHS/OAS for Plan & Eval 9/28/2017 | 09/29/2017 |

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| 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year | 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? | 10b. Legislation Pending? |
| Terminate | No | Not Applicable |

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| 11. Establishment Authority | Authorized by Law | | |
| 12. Specific Establishment Authority | 13. Effective Date | 14. Committee Type | 14c. Presidential? |
| 42 U.S.C. 217a | 01/05/1999 | Ad hoc | No |

15. Description of Committee Special Emphasis Panel

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

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| 16b. Report Date | Report Title |
| 09/29/2017 | Review of Assumptions and Methods of the Medicare Trustees' Financial Projections |

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

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| 17a. Open | 17b. Closed | 17c. Partially Closed | Other Activities | 17d. Total |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

| | Current FY | Next FY |
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| 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.) | \$7,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 18d. Total | \$17,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| 19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE) | 0.10 | 0.00 |

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

By sharing opinions in a public forum, in addition to hearing from other experts on the various methodologies that exist for projecting Medicare expenditures, the panel will produced a written report recommending methodologies to the Medicare Trustees for making such projections.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

There are a variety of experts representing the points of view of actuaries and economists. The membership was balanced between private sector interests and academic interests. Additionally, the panel had both male and female members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The meetings occurred monthly .

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Medicare Trustees project Medicare costs and revenue over a 75 year period. The methodology and assumptions continue to evolve in response to the changing health care system. Health experts, including health economists and actuaries,, provide independent, expert input and review of methods and assumptions and provide the Secretary, as a Trustee, with recommendations for improvement.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings were open.

21. Remarks

Federal employee costs during this period attributed to providing technical assistance to the panel in completing its deliberations. The Committee's final report was issued in June 2017.

Designated Federal Officer

Donald T Oellerich Deputy Chief Economist

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| Bundorf, M. Kate | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | Department of Health Research and Policy Stanford University | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

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| Buntin, Melinda | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy Vanderbilt University | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Frakt, Austin | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | Health Economist Veterans Affairs | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Meara, Ellen | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Pauly, Mark | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | Wharton Health Care Management Department | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Sandler, Geoffrey | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | Actuary Aetna, Inc. | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Thompson, Michael | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | President & CEO National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Vigen, Greger | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | Independent Actuary | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Yamamoto, Dale | 08/30/2016 | 09/29/2017 | Actuary Red Quill Consulting | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

Helped Medicare Trustees make more accurate forecasts of future health costs, so that resources can be allocated in Medicare and within the federal budget optimally.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

The nature of the committee is to help Medicare Trustees make forecasts about future health spending, not to look for savings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

25

Number of Recommendations Comments

The recommendations in this year's report were captured in previous fiscal years.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

90%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Historically recommendations of presentation have only been partially accepted - this is primarily due to the desire of the Trustees to present materials in their reports to Congress in a similar format.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Trustees are planning to review and incorporate the recommendations of the committee, as appropriate, to improve the projection assumptions and methodology as well as the presentation of material in the Trustees' annual report to Congress.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

N/A