

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Medicare Evidence Development Coverage Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Medicare Evidence Development Coverage Advisory Committee

5252

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/24/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/24/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 USC 217a: Sec. 222 of the PHS Act, as amended

13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$269,872.00	\$248,650.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$82,360.00	\$82,360.00
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	\$30,000.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
18e. Total Costs	\$406,232.00	\$415,010.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	2.17	2.17

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage

Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) reviews and evaluates medical literature, technical assessments, etc., and examines data and information on the effectiveness and appropriateness of medical services and items that are covered under Medicare or eligible for coverage under Medicare. The Committee works from an agenda that lists specific issues and develops technical advice to assist the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration) in determining reasonable and necessary applications of medical services, items, and technologies. The Committee may be asked to develop recommendations about specific issues of Medicare coverage and/or to review and comment upon proposed or existing Medicare coverage policies. The Committee may also be asked to comment on pertinent aspects of proposals being considered under CMS's demonstration authority.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members were selected from among authorities in clinical and administrative medicine, biologic and physical sciences, public health administration, health care data and information management and analysis, the economics of health care, medical ethics, and other related professions. The members include at large standing members, six of whom are patient advocates and, six of which are representing industry interests. The Committee includes women and members of minority groups underrepresented in clinical, administrative, and medical sciences. The membership represent the North, South, East, and West geographic areas of the United States. Members serve staggered two-year terms, replacing approximately one-third

of the Committee each year.

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

CCSQ/CAG has held two MEDCAC meetings per year for the past five years. Due to Federal employee understaffing, CAG was unable to conduct any MEDCAC meetings in 2019. One solicitation was issued to bring on new members to ensure the standards of the MEDCAC charter were met. CMS Senior management and CCSQ leadership has been aware of the staff shortages within CAG and has been supportive in hiring adequate staff to fulfill the requirements. CAG is planning two MEDCAC meetings for FY20.

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

The Committee provides advice on clinical coverage issues. No other organization has the appropriate range of clinical, scientific, and medical expertise to perform these functions.

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

No formal committee meetings have been closed to the public.

21. Remarks

The expected increase in costs is because this federal advisory committee will be dealing with high profile complex clinical issues and has had to invite a larger group of members to meetings which is increasing costs. Representatives do not receive compensation for attending meetings only travel and per diem. Special Government Employees receive compensation, travel and per diem for each meeting attended. If they wish to waive compensation they will receive travel and

per diem only. Sam Tyagi 2019 entry is spelled correctly. (Tyagi was spelled incorrectly in the FY18 ACR). Vice Chair was Aloysius Cuyjet (until 5/31/19) and Joseph Ross is the current Vice Chair. For FY19, no MEDCAC meetings took place but there were administrative duties performed such as: solicitations, onboarding, and removal of members whose terms had expired.

Designated Federal Officer

Maria A Ellis DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Albertsen, Peter	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Professor, Chief of Urology, Residency Program Director, University of Connecticut Health Center	Representative Member
Albright, Karen	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Associate Clinical Professor, Comprehensive Stroke Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Allen, John	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Clinical Professor of Medicine, Clinical Chief of Gastroenterology, Associate Medical Director of Ambulatory Care, University of Michigan School of Medicine and Michigan Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Anand, Rishi	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Medical Director, Electrophysiology Laboratory, Holy Cross Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bach, Peter	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Attending Physician & Director, Center for Health Policy and Outcomes, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bandettini, Wiphadea	01/01/2019	12/31/2020	Staff Clinician/Cardiologist, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NHLBI Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Barreiro, Timothy	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Professor of Internal Medicine, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Professor of Critical Care Medicine Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic MedicinePulmonary Health & Research Center Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Batie, Donnie	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Private Practice, The Primary Care Group Vice President,	Representative Member
Bemis-Dougherty, Anita	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Department of Practice, American Physical Therapy Association	Representative Member
Blankstein, Ron	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Associate Professor, Medicine and Radiology, Harvard Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bozkurt, Biykem	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Medical Care Line Executive, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Professor of Medicine, Director, Winters Center for Heart Failure Research, Baylor College of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brewington, Cecelia	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Professor, Radiology, UT Southwestern Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Buvanendran, Asokumar	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Management, Rush Pain Center	Representative Member
Calega, Virginia	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Vice President, Medical Management and Policy, Highmark, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Camilleri, Michael	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Consultant Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology Department of Internal Medicine Mayo Clinic	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carlson, Mark	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Division Vice President, Chief Medical Officer, Abbott Laboratories	Representative Member

Caughron, Samuel	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	President & CEO Founding Director, MAWD Molecular Laboratory Chair of Pathology & Lab Medical Director Shawnee Mission Medical Center MAWD Pathology Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chen, Yi-Fen Irene	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Primary Care Physician and Associate Executive Director The Permanente Medical Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cheng, Joseph	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Professor and Chair, Department of Neurosurgery, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chodroff, Marci	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Vice President, Magellan Rx Management	Representative Member
Cinquegrani, Michael	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Professor, Department of Medicine & Radiology, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Director of Heart and Vascular Service Line, The Medical College of Wisconsin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Civic, Diane	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Senior Scientist, Center for Clinical Effectiveness, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cuyjet, Aloysius	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Medical Director, HealthCare Partners, IPA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dalsing, Michael	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Professor Emeritus, Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, Indiana University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DeSanti, Susan	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Senior Director, Head Medical Affairs, Piramal Imaging, Piramal Pharma, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dehmer, Gregory	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Medical Director, Cardiovascular Services, Central Texas Division, Scott & White Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Dillard, Evan	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Chief Executive Officer Forrest Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ebell, Mark	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	Professor with Tenure, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, College of Public Health University of Georgia	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Elkin, Elena	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Professor of Health Policy and Management Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Emory, Theresa	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Laboratory Medical Director Peninsula Pathology Associates Riverside Regional Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Eshkeviri, Ladan	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Associate Professor, Assistant Program Director, Nurse Anesthesia Program, Georgetown University, School of Nursing and Health Studies	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fargo, Keith	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Director, Scientific Programs and Outreach, Alzheimer's Association National Office	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Feinglass, Shamiram	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Vice President, Global Government and Medical Affairs, Danaher Corpration	Representative Member
Fernander, Anita	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Chair, Lexington Fayette-County Health, Disparities Coalition, Department of Behavioral Science, College of Medicine, University of Kentucky	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fisch, Michael	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	National Medical Director, Medical Oncology, AIM Specialty Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Foggs, Michael	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Chief of Allergy and Immunology, Advicare Medical Group, Advocate Health Care	Representative Member

Fontenot, Jonas	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Chief of Physics and Chief Operating Officer Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ford, Carolyn	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Professor, Wingate University School of Pharmacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Frankel, Naftali	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Patient and Consumer Advocate	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Freeman, Demetrius	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	VP Clinical Research, GGNSC Office of Research, Director and Scientis, Post-Acute Therapeutics and Health Research Institute	Representative Member
Garg, Ashima	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Orthopedic Surgeon, Orthopedica and Sports Medicine Department, The Permanente Medical Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garrido, Melissa	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Assistant Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goss, Thomas	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Senior Vice President, Boston Healthcare Associates, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gosselin, Marc	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	Full Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Cardiothoracic Imaging Section, Oregon Health & Science University	Representative Member
Graham, Lee	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Rheumatologist, Du Page Medical Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hagelstrom, Robert	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Lead Medical Molecular Geneticist	Representative Member
Hamilton, Stanley	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Head, Division of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Representative Member
Hilkert, Robert	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Vice President, Global Program Medical Director, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation	Representative Member

Houn, Florence	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Principal, Florence Houn LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hsich, Eileen	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	Associate Medical Director, Cardiology Department, Cleveland Clinic	Representative Member
Hutchinson, Llyod	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Assistant Professor Department of Pathology Division of Anatomical Pathology UMass Medical School Laboratory of Diagnostic Molecular Oncology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Isetts, Brian	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Professor with Tenure, Department of Pharmaceutical Care and Health Systems, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jaff, Michael	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	President, Newton-Wellesley Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
James, Thomas	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Senior Medical Director, MM&Q, Highmark, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kavanagh, Brian	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Colorado School of Medicine	Representative Member
Kazerooni, Ella	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Professor, Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Director, Cardiothoracic Radiology Division, Department of Radiology, University of Michigan Health System	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kobylarz, Fred	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Associate Professor, Geriatric Medicine, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Kormos, Robert	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Brack G. Hattler Professor, Cardiothoracic Transplantation, Director, Artificial Heart Program, Co-Director, Heart Transplantation, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Heart and Vascular Institute, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Professor of Medicine, Director, Valve Center, Director, Non-Invasive Cardiac Imaging, Director, Echocardiography, Stony Brook University Hospital	Representative Member
Kort, Smadar	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Director, Multiple Chronic Conditions Resource Center, Adjunct Graduate Nursing Faculty	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kuebler, Kim	01/10/2017	12/31/2020	Chief Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery Chief (Interim) Division of Vascular Surgery University of Connecticut Health Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lahey, Stephen	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Medical Oncologist/Hematologist, California Cancer Associates for Research and Excellence, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lamon, Joel	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Professor, Internal Medicine and Public Health, A.T. Still University, School of Osteopathic Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lewis, Joy	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Director, Research and Prevention, Northwest Cardiovascular Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lewis, Sandra	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Medical Director, Founding Board Member, President, The Angiogenesis Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Li, William	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Associate Director, Jobst Vascular Institute, Adjunct Research Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lurie, Fedor	06/01/2018	05/31/2020		

Manner, Paul	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Professor, Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, University of Washington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Manship, Greg	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Director, Human Research Protections Program, Research Integrity Officer, Human Protections Administrator, University of Indianapolis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mauri, Laura	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Vice President	Representative Member
Melnikow, Joy	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis, Lawrence J. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Brian	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Internal Medicine MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Pasquerilla Healthcare Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Moga, Paul	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	Staff Physician, Ambulatory Care, Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System	Representative Member
Mohideen, Najeeb	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Attending Physician, Department of Radiation Oncology, Radiation Oncology Associates, Northwest Community Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mora, Marc	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Chief Medical Officer, Group Health Cooperative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nallamotheu, Brahmajee	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Professor of Internal Medicine Division of Cardiovascular Medicine University of Michigan Medical School North Campus Research Complex	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Ogunwobi, Olorunseun	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Hunter College of the City University of New York and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Okamura, Norman	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Director, Telecommunications and Social Informatics Research Programs, University of Hawaii	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ollendorf, Daniel	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Chief Reviewer, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Oruche, Ukamaka	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Associate Professor, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, Indiana University School of Nursing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pang, Laeton	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Radiation Oncology Representative, Pacific Radiation Oncology, Cancer Center of Hawaii	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Perissinotta, Carla	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Associate Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Putcha, Girisha	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Director of Laboratory Science, MoIDX, Palmetto GBA, Medical Director, Orion Denomics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Raslan, Ahmed	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Associate Professor, Neurological Surgery, Oregon Health and Science University Board Certified Clinical Cardiologist, Jencare	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reingold, Jason	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Senior Medical Centers, Atlanta Cardiology Primary Care	Representative Member
Renbaum, Adi	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Principal and Owner	Representative Member
Riddle, John	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Associate Professor of Professional Practice Texas Christian University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Ross, Joseph	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Associate Professor, Medicine and Public Health, Section of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rupp, Tracy	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Director, Public Health Policy Initiatives, National Center for Health Research	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Saadi, Ryan	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Global Head, Oncology Market Access and Health Policy, Janssen, Pharmaceutical companies of Johnson and Johnson	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Salive, Marcel	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Medical Officer Division of Geriatrics & Clinical Gerontology National Institute on Aging National Institute of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sarwar, Ammar	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical school, Interventional Radiologist, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Scheinthal, Stephen	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine	Representative Member
Schirmer, Clemens	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Director, Geisinger Comprehensive Stroke Center, Program Director, Neurosurgery Residency Program, Geisinger Health System	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schroeder, Amy	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Drug Information and Clinical Consultant, Pharmacist, ALS Clinical Consulting	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sedrakyan, Art	06/01/2016	05/31/2020	Professor of Healthcare Policy and Research, Director, Patient-Centered Comparative Effectiveness, MDEpiNet Science and Infrastructure Center, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Segal, Jodi	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Associate Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, John Hopkins University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shrank, William	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Chief Medical Officer, Insurance Services Division, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health Plan, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Speir, Alan	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Medical Director Cardiac Surgical Services Inova Health System Director Inova Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (ICORE) Cardiac Vascular and Thoracic Surgery Associates	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stephens, Allison	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Statewide System of Care Director, Nevada PEP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tahara, Robert	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Director Alleghany Vein & Vascular	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thomas, Gregory	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Medical Director Cardiovascular Program Development MemorialCare Heart & Vascular Institute MemorialCare Health System	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Turco, Mark	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Chief Innovation Officer University of Pennsylvania, Penn Center for Innovation	Representative Member
Turi, Zoltan	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Professor of Medicine, Co-Director, Structural Heart Program, Hackensack University Hospital, Seton Hall University Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tyagi, Sam	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Georgetown University, Division of General Surgery	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Van Tosh, Andrew	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Director, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiovascular Stress Testing, Noninvasive Cardiology Laboratory, Division of Cardiology Research, St. Francis Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Waldren, Steven	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	Vice President and Chief Medical Informatics Officer	Representative Member
Wall, Eric	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Market Medical Director, Pacific Northwest, United Healthcare	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Warner Stevenson, Lynne	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	Professor of Medicine, Cardiovascular Division, Brigham and Women's Hospital	Representative Member
Warren, Meghan	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, Northern Arizona University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Welch, Harold	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Vascular Surgery, Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, Associate Professor of Surgery, Tufts University School of Medicine, Program Director, General Surgery Residency	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Welsch, Jeffrey	06/01/2015	05/31/2019	Pathologist, Department of Pathology, Lexington Medical Center	Representative Member
White, Evelyn	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Senior Medical Director, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Jackson	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Director, Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel, Dialysis Patient Citizens	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Renee	01/01/2017	12/31/2020	Physician, Division of Gastroenterology, Bellevue Hospital Center, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, New York University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wise, Leslie	06/01/2018	05/31/2020	Principal EvidenceMatters	Representative Member

Wood, Douglas	06/01/2019	05/31/2021	The Henry N Harkins	Special
			Profesor and Chair	Government
Zafonte, Ross	01/01/2017	12/31/2018	Department of Surgery	Employee
			University of Washington (SGE) Member	
			Professor and Chair,	
			Senior Vice President,	
			Department of Physical	Representative
			Medicine and	Member
			Rehabilitation, Harvard	
			Medical School	

Number of Committee Members Listed: 117

Narrative Description

The primary role of the MEDCAC is to provide independent expert scientific advice to CMS in its evaluation of Medicare coverage and assist CMS in making sound decisions based upon the reasoned application of good science. The MEDCAC process encourages public interaction with CMS in gathering information that is utilized in arriving at Medicare coverage decisions, which supports CMS'goal of making the Medicare coverage decision process more open, participatory, and understandable to the public.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" 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

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

NA

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

110

Number of Recommendations Comments

34 additional recommendations were made this fiscal year.

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

51%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

A little more than half of the recommendations have been fully implemented by the Agency.

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

36%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Less than half of the recommendations were partially implemented by the Agency and we may be able to address additional issues in the future.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

CMS post all material associated with the meetings on their website. Prior to the meeting the following documents are posted, the roster, agenda, speakers list, voting questions, and presentations. Following the meeting, the voting scores, meeting minutes, transcript and post meeting documents, such as guidance documents or NCDs are made available on their website. Also, an announcement of any new material posted to the website is sent out via the listserv.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input 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

NA

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A