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.


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.


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 (AHRQ), 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 side 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 citizenshealthcare@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