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HHS Drives Reform to Restore Patient-Centered Care, Announces Request for Nominations of Members to Serve on Federal Healthcare Advisory Committee

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are establishing the Healthcare Advisory Committee—a group of experts charged with delivering strategic recommendations directly to HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and CMS Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz to improve how care is financed and delivered across Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Health Insurance Marketplace.

"Every American high-quality, affordable care – without red tape, corporate

greed, or excessive costs," said HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "This new advisory committee will unite the best minds in healthcare to help us deliver real results, hold the system accountable, and drive forward our mission to Make America Healthy Again."

"This is a moment for action," said CMS Administrator Oz. "This committee will help us cut waste, reduce paperwork, expand preventive care, and modernize CMS programs with real-time data and accountability, all while keeping patients at the center. We are calling on experts across the country to join us in this effort to help us Make America Healthy Again."

Nomination Process

CMS is accepting nominations for advisory committee members. Individuals with expertise in chronic disease prevention and management, federally administered health care financing, and delivery system reform are encouraged to apply. Individuals may either self-nominate or be nominated by an organization. Nominations must be submitted within 30 days of the publication date in the Federal Register and members will be selected later this year.

Committee Deliverables

The advisory committee will focus on developing:

- Actionable policy initiatives to promote chronic disease prevention and management;
 - Opportunities for a regulatory framework of accountability for safety and outcomes that reduce unnecessary red tape and allow providers to focus on improving patient health;
 - Levers to advance a real-time data system, enabling a new standard of excellence in care, rapid claims processing, rapid quality measurement, and rewards;
 - Structural opportunities to improve quality for the most vulnerable in the Medicaid program; and
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- Sustainability of the Medicare Advantage program, identifying opportunities to modernize risk adjustment and quality measures to assess and improve health outcomes.

For more information or to submit nominations, visit the Federal Register Notice at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-16136>.

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