



## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Health Resources and Services Administration**

#### **Charter Amendment for the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and section 1111 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, HHS is hereby giving notice that the charter for the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (ACHDNC) has been amended to set the time period for appointment of members to a term of up to 4 years. The effective date of the amendment is July 30, 2021.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACHDNC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of HHS on policy, program development, and other matters of significance concerning certain activities described in section 1111 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 300b-10), as further described below. The ACHDNC is also governed by the provisions of the FACA, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The ACHDNC advises the Secretary of HHS about aspects of newborn and childhood screening and technical information for the development of policies and priorities that will enhance the ability of the state and local health agencies to provide for newborn and child screening, counseling and health care services for newborns and children having, or at risk for, heritable disorders. The ACHDNC will review and report regularly on newborn and childhood

screening practices, recommend improvements in the national newborn and childhood screening programs, and fulfill responsibilities described in section 1111 of the PHS Act. In addition, the ACHDNC's recommendations regarding inclusion of additional conditions for screening, following adoption by the Secretary, are considered evidence-informed preventive health services provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA through the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) pursuant to section 2713 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-13). Under this provision, non-grandfathered group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance are required to provide insurance coverage without cost-sharing (a co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible) for preventive services for plan years (i.e., policy years) beginning on or after the date that is one year from the Secretary's adoption of the condition for screening.

The filing date of the ACHDNC charter remains November 10, 2020. A copy of the ACHDNC charter is available on the ACHDNC website at <https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/heritable-disorders/index.html>. A copy of the charter also can be obtained by accessing the FACA database that is maintained by the Committee Management Secretariat under the General Services Administration. The website address for the FACA database is <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>.

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