

2024 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

2024

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

11/24/2022 11/24/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

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	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$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.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

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) 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, 10 of which are patient advocates and 10 of which are industry representatives. Members are selected based upon their individual qualifications and not solely as representatives of professional associations or societies. We wish to ensure adequate representation of those enrolled in the Medicare program including but not limited to, racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from across the gender spectrum. Therefore, we encourage nominations of qualified candidates who can represent these lived experiences. The Committee includes underrepresented groups 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 and may serve up to eight years.

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

CCSQ, Coverage & Analysis Group has held, on average, two MEDCAC meetings per year. There was a virtual two-day meeting held on February 13-14, 2023. We can have up to eight MEDCAC meetings per FY.

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

*There are SGEs and representatives who have chosen not to receive payment. *There are some SGEs that chose only per diem and other SGEs chose compensation and per diem. * Several representatives have chosen to receive only hourly or daily compensation and other members chose hourly or daily compensation and travel and per diem.

Designated Federal Officer

Leah Cromwell DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bandettini, Wiphadea	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	Senior Research Physician, Chief, Cardiovascular MRI Program, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Bemis-Dougherty, Anita	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	Senior Advisor, Scientific Affairs, Department of Practice, American Physical Therapy Association	Representative Member
Blankstein, Ron	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	Associate Professor, Medicine and Radiology, Harvard Medical School, Co-Director, Cardiovascular Imaging Training Program Director, Cardiac Computed Tomography Cardiovascular Division & Department of Radiology Brigham and Women's Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Borden, William	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Chief Quality and Population Health Officer GW Medical Faculty Associates & Associate Professor of Medicine and Health Policy, GWU	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bratzler, Dale	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Dean, Hudson College of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brewington, Cecelia	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Professor, Radiology, UT Southwestern Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bulsara, Ketan	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Professor and Chief, Neurosurgery Program Director, Neurosurgery Residency Department of Surgery Director, Operating Room Quality University of Connecticut/UConn Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Buvanendran, Asokumar	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	Interim Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, William Gottschalk, Endowed Chair of Anesthesiology, Rush University Medical Center Division Vice President, Chief Medical Officer, Abbott Laboratories Clinical Instructor, Div. of Neuroradiology Dept. of Radiology, Special Univ. of Washington & Clinical Instructor, Dept. of Radiology Univ. of British Columbia Professor, Department of Medicine & Radiology, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Director of Heart and Vascular Service Line, The Medical College of Wisconsin Director, Nurse Anesthesia Major Professor of Clinical Nursing University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing	Representative Member
Carlson, Mark	06/01/2018	05/31/2025		Representative Member
Chu, Sammy	01/01/2022	01/01/2024		Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cinquegrani, Michael	06/01/2018	05/31/2025		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clayton, Beth Ann	06/01/2022	05/31/2024		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dezii, Christopher	01/01/2013	01/01/2024	Chief Executive Officer Professor, Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program The ,University of Connecticut	Representative Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Elwell, Joy	01/01/2022	01/01/2024		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Eshkevari, Ladan	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Associate Professor, Assistant Program Director, Nurse Anesthesia Program, Georgetown University, School of Nursing and Health Studies	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fanaroff, Alexander	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, University of Pennsylvania, Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ferenci, Michele	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Chief of Medical Physics & Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology Penn State Health, Milton S. Hershey Medical	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fisch, Michael	06/01/2016	05/31/2025	National Medical Director, Medical Oncology, AIM Specialty Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flannery, David	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Director of Telegenetics and Digital Genetics, Center for Personalized Genetic Healthcare Genomic Medicine Institute, Cleveland Clinic	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Foggs, Michael	06/01/2016	05/31/2025	Chief of Allergy and Immunology, Advocate Medical Group, Advocate Health Care	Representative Member
Ford, Carolyn	06/01/2016	05/31/2025	Professor and Director of Community Healthcare Outreach, Wingate University School of Pharmacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Frankel, Naftali	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Patient and Consumer Advocate	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

			Research Associate Professor Department of Health Law, Policy & Management Boston University School of Public Health Associate Director Partnered Evidence-Based Policy Resource Center (PEPReC) Boston VA Healthcare System Senior Vice President of Care Management and Care Coordination, Sava Senior Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garrido, Melissa	06/01/2016	05/31/2025		
			Senior Vice President, Health Economics and Outcomes Research, Veranex Solutions, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goldsmith, Amy	06/01/2022	05/31/2024		
			Chief Regulatory and Clinical Officer, GT Metabolic Solutions, Inc.	Representative Member
Goss, Thomas	06/01/2015	05/31/2024		
			Professor of Surgery, Director, Minimally Invasive & Robotic Cardiac Surgery, Thomas Jefferson University, Sidney Kimmel Medical College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Griffin-Vincent, Lisa	01/01/2022	01/01/2024		
			Assistant Professor of Surgery Dartmouth, Hitchcock Medical Center Section of Cardiac Surgery Professor with Tenure, Department of Pharmaceutical Care and Health Systems, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Guy, Thomas	06/01/2022	05/31/2024		
Iribarne, Alexander	06/01/2022	05/31/2024		
Isetts, Brian	06/01/2018	05/31/2025		

James, Thomas	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Chief Medical Officer, Clinical Management and Policy, Passport by Molina Healthcare	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kanter, Genevieve	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Associate Professor, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kazerooni, Ella	06/01/2016	05/31/2025	Professor, Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Director, Cardiothoracic Radiology Division, Department of Radiology, University of Michigan Health System	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Khatri, Pooja	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Professor of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kirkland-Kyhn, Holly	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Nurse Practitioner, Director, Wound Care Team, University of California, Davis, Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kobylarz, Fred	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Geriatric Medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kremer, Ian	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Executive Director, Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LaBerge, Laura	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Semi-Retired Medical Masters, Cumberland Health Nursing Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Lewis, Joy	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Professor, Internal Medicine and Public Health, A.T. Still University, School of Osteopathic Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Li, William	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	Medical Director, Founding Board Member, President, The Angiogenesis Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lindner, Jonathan	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	M. Lowell Edwards Professor of Medicine, Knight Cardiovascular Institute, Oregon Health and Sciences University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lurie, Fedor	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Associate Director, Jobst Vascular Institute, Adjunct Research Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maddox, Karen	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Assistant Professor, Washington University School of Medicine Co-Director, Center for Health Economics and Policy, Institute for Public Health at Washington University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Maganti, Ramakrishna	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Professor (CHS Track) University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Adjunct Faculty, Department of Neuroscience	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Manner, Paul	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Professor, Department of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, University of Washington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Manship, Greg	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	<p>Director, Human Research Protections Program, Research Integrity Officer, Human Protections Administrator, University of Indianapolis</p> <p>Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis, Lawrence J. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center</p> <p>Attending Physician, Department of Radiation Oncology, Radiation Oncology Associates, Northwest Community Hospital</p> <p>Senior Medical Director Networks and Care Management Kaiser Permanente Washington</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Melnikow, Joy	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	<p>of Medicine, University of California, Davis, Lawrence J. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center</p> <p>Attending Physician, Department of Radiation Oncology, Radiation Oncology Associates, Northwest Community Hospital</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Mohideen, Najeeb	06/01/2016	05/31/2025	<p>Radiation Oncology Associates, Northwest Community Hospital</p> <p>Senior Medical Director Networks and Care Management Kaiser Permanente Washington</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Mora, Marc	06/01/2016	05/31/2025	<p>Assistant Clinical Professor, College of Optometry University of Missouri-St. Louis</p> <p>Clinical Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapist, Certified Lymphedema Therapist</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Nabhan, Tareq	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	<p>Department of Occupational Therapy Boston University College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Newman, Robin	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	<p>Department of Occupational Therapy Boston University College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>

Owens, Kelly	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Bioelectronic Medicine Patient Advocacy Consultant, Kelly Owens Consulting, LLC.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pang, Laeton	06/01/2016	05/31/2025	Radiation Oncology Representative, Pacific Radiation Oncology, Cancer Center of Hawaii	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Parikh, Ravi	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Assistant Professor, Medical Ethics and Health Policy and Medicine University of Pennsylvania - Perelman School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Patel, Parashar	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Vice President, McDermott + Consulting Associate Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco	Representative Member
Perissinotta, Carla	01/01/2017	01/01/2024		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Renbaum, Adi	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	President	Representative Member
Reynolds, Sherrol	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Associate Professor of Optometry, Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry Associate Professor, Medicine and Public Health, Section of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ross, Joseph	06/01/2012	05/31/2025		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sanket, Dhruva	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Assistant Professor of Medicine UCSF School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Sarwar, Ammar	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical school, Interventional Radiologist, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shaffett, Todd	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	President, MedCentris, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Short, Ronald	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	CEO, Heartland Consulting Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shrank, William	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Chief Medical Officer, Humana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stearns, Sally	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management Gillings School of Global Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tao, Laurent	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Editor-in-Chief, MCG Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Turi, Zoltan	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	Director, Cardiovascular Research, Heart and Vascular Hospital, Hackensack University Medical Center, Professor of Cardiology and Medicine, Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, UNC Hospitals	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Upadhyaya, Cheerag	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Spine Center, Co-Medical Director Chief Transformation & Business Strategy Officer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Van Tosh, Andrew	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Director, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiovascular Stress Testing, Noninvasive Cardiology Laboratory, Division of Cardiology Research, St. Francis Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vashist, Amit	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Senior Vice-President & Chief Clinical Officer, Ballad Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wall, Eric	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Market Medical Director, Pacific Northwest, United Healthcare	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Warren, Meghan	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, Northern Arizona University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Welch, Harold	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	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
White, Evelyn	06/01/2018	05/31/2025	Senior Medical Director, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Whitney, John	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Vice President, Medical Policy, Anthem, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wise, Leslie	06/01/2016	05/31/2024	Principal EvidenceMatters	Representative Member
Yehia, Baligh	06/01/2022	05/31/2024	Senior Vice President, Clinical & Network Services President, Ascension Medical Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Young, Heather	01/01/2022	01/01/2024	Professor and Founding Dean Emerita of the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at the University of California, Davis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
			Betty Irene Moore Hall	
Zafonte, Ross	01/01/2017	01/01/2024	President and Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs, Research and Education, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Harvard Medical School	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 78

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, transparent 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"/>

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| 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?

179

Number of Recommendations Comments

There a few recommendations that are still with the committee.

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?

39%

% 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 posts 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