2012 Current Fiscal Year Report: Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2012

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel	76914

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	09/29/2011		09/27/2012

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463 (Oct. 6, 1972), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.	10/06/1972	Ad hoc	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date	Report Title
08/27/2012	Review of The Medicare Economic Index

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 3 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose of the Panel is to review all aspects of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). This first meeting focused on MEI inputs and input weights.	05/21/2012	05/21/2012
The purpose of the Panel is to review all aspects of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). This second meeting focused on MEI price-measurement proxies and the index's productivity adjustment.	06/25/2012	06/25/2012
The purpose of the Panel is to review all aspects of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). During this third and final meeting, the Panel discussed the their findings and recommendations regarding the MEI's inputs, input weights, price-measurement proxies, and productivity adjustment.	07/11/2012	07/11/2012

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$4,000.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$63,832.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$91,220.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$2,334.00	$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	$161,386.00	$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.60	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

(1) Conduct a review of the MEI inputs and categories. (2) Conduct a review of the MEI input and category weights. (3) Conduct a review of the MEI price-measurement proxies.(4) Conduct a review of the MEI productivity adjustment. (5) Not later than 11 months after establishment of the Panel, issue a report summarizing the recommendations based on the reviews described above.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Panel will consist of up to seven members and may be composed of, but not necessarily limited to, representatives of government agencies (such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of Economic Analysis), members of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, researchers, and other independent experts. Specific expertise relevant to the mission/function of the Panel includes: Medicare “fee-for-service” reimbursement, price indices and productivity adjustments. Since the Panel's recommendations may affect both government agencies and non-government organizations, CMS will strive to develop a committee membership that represents views across the Health Care industry. Membership balance is not static, and the expertise or experience relevant to the mission/function of this Panel may change over time, depending on the work of the committee.Federal employee members of the Panel will be designated as Regular Government Employees. Non-federal employee members will

be appointed as Special Government Employees.

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

There were three meetings during FY2012 (May 21, June 25 and July 11).

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

The Panel shall conduct a technical review of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI), including the inputs, input weights, price-measurement proxies, and productivity adjustment. The Panel will be asked to assess the relevance and accuracy of these inputs to current physician practices. The Panel’s analysis and recommendations will be considered for future rule making to ensure that the MEI accurately and appropriately meets its intended statutory purpose. The panel will not consider issues such as replacing the price index with a cost index, or other issues that lie outside the limits of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ statutory authority, such as replacing the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula with the MEI.Following the technical review meeting(s), the Panel shall issue a report that summarizes its recommendations for the Medicare Economic Index.

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

No committee meetings were closed to the public

21. Remarks

The Panel's first meeting was held on May 21, 2012.

Designated Federal Officer

John A Poisal DFO and Deputy Director of the National Health Statistics Group, OACT, CMS

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Berenson, Robert	02/15/2012	09/27/2012	The Urban Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Berndt, Ernst	02/15/2012	09/27/2012	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dyckman, Zachary	02/15/2012	09/27/2012	Dyckman & Associates, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gillis, Kurt	02/15/2012	09/27/2012	American Medical Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kobe, Kathryn	02/15/2012	09/27/2012	Economic Consulting Services, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 5

Narrative Description

The Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel was established by the Secretary to conduct a technical review of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). The review will include the inputs, input weights, price-measurement proxies, and productivity adjustment.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	☐
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐

Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☑
Other	☐

Outcome Comments
N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☑
Unable to Determine	☐
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments
N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
13

Number of Recommendations Comments
For a list of the recommendations please see the August 27, 2012 final report.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
Recommendations will be implemented after the Charter expires.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Partially implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
Recommendations will be implemented after the Charter expires.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☑

Agency Feedback Comments
[HHS has not yet responded to the final report]

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

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☑

Action Comments
CMS, as necessary, will update the MEI based on the recommendations in the final report.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?
No

Grant Review Comments
N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	☑
Online Agency Web Site	☑
Online Committee Web Site	☑

Online GSA FACA Web Site	☑
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

N/A