



Ohio Society of Pathologists

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RE: Seeking Clinical Microbiologist for Contractor Advisory Committee

OSP Members,

Please see the message below seeking clinical microbiologists from Ohio to serve on our Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC). Additional details of this important role are highlighted below. Please contact me if you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague for this position.

Thank you,

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Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:23 PM

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Subject: CGS Administrators, LLC the J15 A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for the States of Ohio and Kentucky are Seeking Physician Leaders

Importance: High

Dear Dr. Sean Kirby,

The Contractor Medical Directors (CMDs) with CGS Administrators, LLC the J15 A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for the states of Ohio and Kentucky are seeking physician leaders and educators to serve on the Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC). We are asking that your organization recommends two outstanding physicians with Clinical Microbiology subspecialty training to represent the Midwest region by serving on the CAC for the state of Ohio.

The 21st Century Cures Act has changed the policy development process for Medicare to maximize transparency and sharing of evidence-based literature. We are seeking talented physicians to serve in an advisory capacity to our CMD's when expertise in Clinical Microbiology is needed. These individuals should have the capacity to critically read and interpret the medical literature.

CAC members also have an important role to promote communications between MAC and the healthcare community. This allows members to be a voice for their specialties, which aligns nicely with Ohio Society of Pathologists' mission to promote the field of pathology in the state of Ohio. The CAC provides a formal

mechanism for health care professionals to be informed of the evidence used in developing the local coverage determination (LCD). CAC members are valued for their background, education, experience and/or expertise in a wide variety of scientific, clinical, and other related fields. Your nominee's participation will also parallel with the State of Pathology Society's mission to strengthen the profession of pathology nationwide, by partnering with state pathology societies to bolster advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels.

The following would be the main responsibilities of the persons selected:

- Disseminate proposed LCDs to colleagues in their respective state and specialty societies to solicit comments
- Disseminate information about the Medicare program obtained at Touchpoint meetings to their respective state and specialty societies
- Potentially serve as a subject matter expert and assist in assessment of literature regarding topics within their specialty

Currently, there are three (3) regularly scheduled Provider Touchpoint meetings each year via teleconference or in-person typically held in the early evening. There is teleconference/webinar available for all meetings in the event a member is not available to attend in person. LCD evidence development is not discussed in this forum as they are now discussed in the Open Public Discussion forum, which the CAC member is encouraged to attend as well.

When sending your recommendations, we will need the following information:

- Name
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email address of each physician

We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you or a prospective committee member would like further information related to, the CAC please visit, <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/articles/cope10964.html> or contact one of our Contractor Medical Directors.

Sincerely,
Jessica Van
On behalf of the CGS J15 Contractor Medical Directors

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