

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE
CLINICAL LABORATORY IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUBMIT BY OCTOBER 1, 2013 FOR THE 2014-2018 TERM**

CDC is happy to receive nominations at any time of the year for candidates to fill upcoming vacancies on the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC). The next candidate selection cycle will begin in the fall of 2013 for selection of nominees to replace members whose terms end on June 30, 2014.

Member Selection

Selection of members is based on candidates' qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of CLIAC's objectives stated in the Committee charter (<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/cliac/default.aspx>). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) policy stipulates that committee membership be balanced in terms of professional training and background, points of view represented, and the committee's function.¹ Consideration is given on the basis of geographic, ethnic and gender representation. Nominees must be U.S. citizens, and cannot be full-time employees of the U.S. Government. Current participation on federal workgroups or prior experience serving on a federal advisory committee does not disqualify a candidate; however, Department policy is to avoid excessive individual service on advisory committees and multiple committee memberships.

A review of all candidates will be conducted in the fall of 2013, with final selection of the candidates to be made by the Secretary, HHS. Successful candidates will be notified of their appointment in early 2014. Note that the need for different expertise varies from year to year and a candidate who is not selected in one year may be appointed in a subsequent year.

Time and Travel Commitment

- 4 year term: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018
- Approximately 2 meetings per year in Atlanta
- Meeting dates currently scheduled during this term (note that dates are subject to change and delays in member approval by HHS could affect the actual term served.)
 - Aug 20, 2014 - Aug 21, 2014
 - Mar 04, 2015 - Mar 05, 2015
 - Aug 26, 2015 - Aug 27, 2015
- If workgroups are formed to address specific recommendations, participation is voluntary
- Travel costs and meals are reimbursed at government rates; a small stipend is provided

Nomination Submission

Interested candidates, or the person/organization nominating a candidate, should submit the following items:

- Current *curriculum vitae*, including complete contact information and credentials (telephone numbers, mailing address, e-mail address)
- Optional: Letter(s) of recommendation from person(s) not employed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services²

The deadline for receipt of nomination materials for consideration in the 2014-2018 term is **October 1, 2013**.

All files must be submitted electronically as e-mail attachments to:

Ms. Nancy Anderson c/o CLIAC Secretariat e-mail: CLIAC@cdc.gov

If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call Ms. Nancy Anderson at 404-498-2741.

Please share this call for nominations with anyone who may be interested in submitting a nomination.

¹ General Administration Manual Chapter 9 (GAM-9) 9-00-70, Nomination, Selection and Appointment of Federal Advisory Committee Members: http://www.hhs.gov/hhsmanuals/gam/part_nine.html

² Candidates may submit letter(s) from current HHS employees if they wish, but at least one letter must be submitted by a person *not* employed by HHS (e.g., CDC, NIH, and FDA etc.).

**INTERESTED IN HEALTH IT?
APPLY TO A WORKGROUP OR FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR (ONC)**

SUBMIT ANYTIME OR BY ANNOUNCED DEADLINE WHEN NEW WORKGROUPS ARE FORMED

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has several federal advisory committees and numerous workgroups. Laboratory professionals can serve as subject matter experts at a national level and provide valuable input on a variety of topics relating to Health IT.

Future ONC committees and workgroups will benefit from one or more of the following categories of knowledge and expertise, common amongst laboratory professionals who contribute to current ONC workgroups:

- Knowledge of clinical laboratory operations and the clinical use of laboratory results
- Knowledge of regulations: examples include CLIA, Meaningful Use, EHR Certification, or accreditation requirements
- Knowledge of IT standards: examples include HL7, LOINC or SNOMED (preferred, but not required)
- Any of the above knowledge sets combined with the creative ability to envision the future of electronic health records

Applicants must identify five areas of interest or expertise from a large list of healthcare and health IT options listed on ONC's website as part of their submission.

Apply for workgroup membership on ONC's website: <http://onc-faca.altaruminstitute.net/apply>