

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Community Partners for Healthy Farming, Program Announcement 646, and Centers for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education, and Prevention, Program Announcement 647: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control SEP: Community Partners for Healthy Farming, Program Announcement 646, and Centers for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education, and Prevention, Program Announcement 647.

Times and Dates: 8 p.m.–10 p.m., August 4, 1996; 8 a.m.–6 p.m., August 5, 1996; 8 a.m.–5 p.m., August 6, 1996.

Place: Commonwealth Hilton Hotel, I-75 and Turfway Road, Florence, Kentucky 45275.

Status: Closed.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcements 646 and 647.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Associate Director for Management and Operations, CDC, pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463.

Contact Person for More Information: Price Connor, Ph.D., Research Grant Program Officer, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, M/S D30, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-3342.

Dated: June 21, 1996.

John C. Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Health Care Financing Administration [ORD-088-N]

New and Pending Demonstration Project Proposals Submitted Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act: May 1996

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: One new proposal for a Medicaid demonstration project was submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services during the month

of May 1996 under the authority of section 1115 of the Social Security Act. No proposals were approved, disapproved, or withdrawn during this time period. Those pending during the month of May remain unchanged from those in the Federal Register on June 10, 1996, 61 FR 29409. (This notice can be accessed on the Internet at HTTP://WWW.HCFA.GOV/ORD/ORDHP1.HTML.)

COMMENTS: We will accept written comments on these proposals. We will, if feasible, acknowledge receipt of all comments, but we will not provide written responses to comments. We will, however, neither approve nor disapprove any new proposal for at least 30 days after the date of this notice to allow time to receive and consider comments. Direct comments as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Mail correspondence to: Susan Anderson, Office of Research and Demonstrations, Health Care Financing Administration, Mail Stop C3-11-07, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Anderson (410) 786-3996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may consider and approve research and demonstration proposals with a broad range of policy objectives. These demonstrations can lead to improvements in achieving the purposes of the Act.

In exercising her discretionary authority, the Secretary has developed a number of policies and procedures for reviewing proposals. On September 27, 1994, we published a notice in the Federal Register (59 FR 49249) that specified (1) the principles that we ordinarily will consider when approving or disapproving demonstration projects under the authority in section 1115(a) of the Act; (2) the procedures we expect States to use in involving the public in the development of proposed demonstration projects under section 1115; and (3) the procedures we ordinarily will follow in reviewing demonstration proposals. We are committed to a thorough and expeditious review of State requests to conduct such demonstrations.

As part of our procedures, we publish a notice in the Federal Register with a monthly listing of all new submissions, pending proposals, approvals, disapprovals, and withdrawn proposals. Proposals submitted in response to a

grant solicitation or other competitive process are reported as received during the month that such grant or bid is awarded, so as to prevent interference with the awards process.

II. Listing of New, Pending, Approved, and Withdrawn Proposals for the Month of May 1996

A. Comprehensive Health Reform Programs

1. New Proposals:

The following comprehensive health reform proposal was received during the month of May:

Demonstration Title/State: Maryland Medicaid Reform Proposal—Maryland.

Description: A statewide section 1115 demonstration proposal has been developed to: provide a patient-focused system through managed care entities; build on the strengths of the current Maryland health care system; provide comprehensive, prevention-orientated systems of care; hold Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) accountable for high-quality care; and achieve better value and predictability for State expenditures.

Date Received: May 3, 1996.

State Contact: Mary Mussman, M.D., M.P.H., Acting Executive Director, Center for Health Program Development and Management, Social Sciences Building, Room 309A, 5401 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21228-5398, (410) 455-6804.

Federal Project Officer: Gina Clemons, Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Research and Demonstrations, Office of State Health Reform Demonstrations, Mail Stop C3-18-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

2. Pending, Approved, and Withdrawn Proposals

We did not approve or disapprove any proposals during the month of May nor were any proposals withdrawn during that month. Therefore, pending proposals for the month of November 1995 published in the Federal Register on January 23, 1996, 61 FR 1769, remain unchanged.

B. Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals

1. New Proposals

No new proposals were received during the month of May.

2. Pending, Approved, and Withdrawn Proposals

We did not approve or disapprove any Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals during May nor were any proposals withdrawn during that

month. Pending proposals for the month of November 1995 published in the Federal Register on January 23, 1996, 61 FR 1769, and for the months of February and March 1996 published in the Federal Register on May 14, 1996, 61 FR 24318 remain unchanged.

III. Requests for Copies of a Proposal

Requests for copies of a specific Medicaid proposal should be made to the State contact listed for the specific proposal. If further help or information is needed, inquiries should be directed to HCFA at the address above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program, No. 93.779; Health Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Experiments.)

Dated: June 13, 1996.

Barbara Cooper,

Acting Director, Office of Research and Demonstrations.

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[OPL-010-N]

Medicare Program; July 22, 1996 Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for July 22, 1996, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.d.t. (Additional meetings are tentatively scheduled for September 23 and December 16, 1996.)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium, 1st Floor, Health Care Financing Administration Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Shekar, M.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 425-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 260-5463.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 4112 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508, effective on November 5, 1990), to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) based

on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the consultation must occur before publication of the proposed changes. The Council submits an annual report on its recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, each of whom has submitted at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare or Medicaid in the previous year. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members must be doctors of medicine or osteopathy authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the States in which they practice. Members have been invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms. In accordance with section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action before the end of the 2-year term.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992.

The current members are: Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Wayne R. Carlsen, D.O.; Gary C. Dennis, M.D.; Catalina E. Garcia, M.D.; Kenneth D. Hansen, M.D.; Mary T. Herald, M.D.; Ardis Hoven, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Jerilynn S. Kaibel, D.C.; Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; Marc Lowe, M.D.; Katherine L. Markette, M.D.; Susan Schooley, M.D.; Maisie Tam, M.D., and Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D. The chairperson is Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on July 22, 1996. The Council agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following four items:

- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) implementation.
- Practice Expense Relative Value Project.
- Medicare CHOICES demonstration.
- Operation Restore Trust (ORT).

Council members will also receive legislative and Managed Care updates. Those individuals or organizations who wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the four issues listed should contact the Executive Director by 12:00 noon, July 3, 1996, to be scheduled. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the

Executive Director no later than 12:00 noon, July 12, 1996. For the name, address, and telephone number of the Executive Director, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section at the beginning of this notice. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may also submit written comments to the Executive Director by 12:00 noon, July 12, 1996. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

(Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 45 CFR Part 11)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: June 19, 1996.

Bruce C. Vladeck,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection requirements in Final Peer Review Organization Sanction Regulations 42 CFR 1004.40(b), 1004.50(g), 1004.60(b), and 1004.70(b) and (c); *Form No.:* HCFA-R-65; *Use:*