

contact person listed above, either orally or in writing, prior to the meeting. Any person attending the hearing who does not in advance of the meeting request an opportunity to speak will be allowed to make an oral presentation at the hearing's conclusion, if time permits, at the chairperson's discretion.

The agenda, the questions to be addressed by the committee, and a current list of committee members will be available at the meeting location on the day of the meeting.

Transcripts of the open portion of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, at a cost of 10 cents per page. The transcript may be viewed at the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Summary minutes of the open portion of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (address above) beginning approximately 90 days after the meeting.

This notice is issued under section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2), and FDA's regulations (21 CFR part 14) on advisory committees.

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Michael A. Friedman,
Deputy Commissioner for Operations.
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Health Resources and Services Administration

National Practitioner Data Bank; Change in User Fee

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is

announcing the elimination of the discount fee charged to entities authorized to request information from the National Practitioner Data Bank (Data Bank) for queries which meet all requirements for fully automated processing.

The current fee structure was announced in the Federal Register on February 8, 1996 (61 FR 4788). The user fee is \$3.00 less \$1.00 discount per name per query fee for queries submitted via telecommunications network and paid via an electronic funds transfer or credit card, with query response sent via the telecommunications network. Six dollars is charged for queries submitted electronically on a diskette to pay for the extra handling and mailing costs for these queries. An additional \$4.00 is charged for all queries which are paid for by check or money order rather than by electronic funds transfer or credit card to cover the cost of debt management.

The Data Bank is authorized by the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986 (the Act), title IV of Public Law 99-660, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11101 *et seq.*). Section 427(b)(4) of the Act authorizes the establishment of fees for the costs of processing requests for disclosure and of providing such information.

Final regulations at 45 CFR part 60 set forth the criteria and procedures for information to be reported to and disclosed by the Data Bank. Section 60.3 of these regulations defines the terms used in this announcement.

In determining any changes in the amount of the user fee, the Department uses the criteria set forth in §60.12 (b) of the regulations, as well as allowable costs pursuant to the DHHS Appropriations Act of 1997, P.L. 104-208, enacted September 30, 1996. This Act requires that the Department recover the full costs of operating the Data Bank through user fees. Paragraph (b) of the regulations states:

"The amount of each fee will be determined based on the following criteria:

(1) Use of electronic data processing equipment to obtain information—the actual cost for the service, including computer search time, runs, printouts, and time of computer programmers and operators, or other employees,

(2) Photocopying or other forms of reproduction, such as magnetic tapes—actual cost of the operator's time, plus the cost of the machine time and the materials used,

(3) Postage—actual cost, and

(4) Sending information by special methods requested by the applicant, such as express mail or electronic transfer—the actual cost of the special service."

Based on analysis of the comparative costs of the various methods for filing and paying for queries, the Department is eliminating the \$1.00 discount fee for users who: (1) query and receive responses via the telecommunications network, and (2) pay query fees by credit card, electronic funds transfer or such other electronic transfer options as may be offered in the future.

Despite the elimination of the discount, electronic querying (telecom network) and electronic payment continue to be the most cost-effective methods for requesting information from the Data Bank. Consequently, the fee for querying the Data Bank by diskette with electronic payment continues to be \$6.00. The new fee for electronic queries (telecom network) with electronic payment will be \$3.00. This change is effective February 20, 1997.

When a query is for information on one or more physicians, dentists, or other health care practitioners, the appropriate total fee will be \$3.00 (plus a \$3.00 and/or a \$4.00 surcharge for submission and payment as described above) multiplied by the number of individuals about whom information is being requested. All other fees remain the same. For examples, see the table below.

The Department will review the user fee periodically, and will revise it as necessary. Any changes in the fee and their effective date will be announced in the Federal Register.

Query method	Fee per name in query, by method of payment	Examples
Electronic query (Telecom network) with electronic payment.	\$3.00 (if paid electronically via credit card or other electronic means and response received electronically). ¹	10 names in query. 10x\$3 = \$30.00.
Electronic query (Diskette) with electronic payment.	\$6.00 (if paid electronically via credit card or other electronic means and response received on paper) (\$3.00 fee plus \$3.00 surcharge).	10 names in query. 10x\$6 = \$60.00.
Electronic query (Telecom network) with non-electronic payment.	\$7.00 (if not paid via credit card or other electronic means) (\$3.00 fee plus \$4.00 surcharge).	10 names in query. 10x\$7 = \$70.00.

Query method	Fee per name in query, by method of payment	Examples
Electronic query (Diskette) with non-electronic payment.	\$10.00 (if not paid via credit card or other electronic means) (\$3.00 fee plus \$3.00 and \$4.00 surcharges).	10 names in query. 10x\$10 = \$100.00.

¹ This new fee represents the elimination of the \$1.00 discount.

Dated: January 14, 1997.
Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.
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National Institutes of Health

National Center for Research Resources, Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:
Name of SEP: Comparative Medicine.
Date: February 24, 1997.
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: The Latham Hotel, Washington/Jefferson Conference Room, 3000 M Street, NW., 7965, Washington, DC 20007, (202) 726-5000.

Contact Person: Dr. Bela Gulyas, Scientific Review Administrator, 6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7965, Room 6018, Bethesda, MD 20892-7965, (301) 435-0811.

Purpose/Agenda: To evaluate and review grant applications.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b (c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.306, Laboratory Animal Sciences and Primate Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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Paula N. Hayes,
Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.
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National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as

amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Heart, Lung, and Blood Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Name of SEP: Planning, Developing, Implementing, and Evaluating Health Communication Products and Activities for NHLBI Education Programs and Other Technology Transfer Activities.

Date: February 18, 1997.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

Contact Person: Louise P. Corman, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, Room 7180, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0270.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Name of SEP: Demonstration and Education Research Applications.

Date: March 4-5, 1997.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Washington National Airport Hilton, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia.

Contact Person: Louise P. Corman, Ph.D., Two Rockledge Center, Room 7180, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0270.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; and 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health)

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Notice of Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research and its Subcommittee

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing

Research, National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health and its Planning Subcommittee on February 11-12, 1997, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, Maryland.

The Council meeting will be open to the public on February 11 from 1:00 p.m. to recess and on February 12 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for discussion of program policies and issues. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the Council meeting will be closed to the public from 11:00 a.m. to adjournment on February 12. There will also be a meeting, closed to the public, of the Planning Subcommittee on February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Building 31, Room 5B03. These meetings are closed for the review, discussion and evaluation of individual grant applications. These applications and discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

A summary of the meetings, rosters of committee members, and other information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Dr. Lynn Amende, NINR, NIH, Building 45, Room 3AN-12, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, 301/594-5968. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.361, Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health)

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