

They knowingly or recklessly sign a false or misleading certification that causes a false claim to be submitted to a Federal health care program; or

They receive any financial benefit for signing the certification (including free or reduced rent, patient referrals, supplies, equipment, or free labor).

Even if they do not receive any financial or other benefit from providers

or suppliers, physicians may be liable for making false or misleading certifications.

What To Do If You Have Information About Fraud and Abuse Against Medicare or Medicaid Programs

If you have information about physicians, home health agencies, or medical equipment and supply

companies engaging in any of the activities described above, contact any of the regional offices of the Office of Investigations of the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at the following locations:

Field offices	States served	Telephone
Boston	MA, VT, NH, ME, RI, CT	617-565-2664
New York	NY, NJ, PR, VI	212-264-1691
Philadelphia	PA, MD, DE, WV, VA, DC	215-861-4586
Atlanta	GA, KY, NC, SC, FL, TN, AL, MS	404-562-7603
Chicago	IL, MN, WI, MI, IN, OH, IA, MO	312-353-2740
Dallas	TX, NM, OK, AR, LA, CO, UT, WY, MT, ND, SD, NE, KS	214-767-8406
Los Angeles	AZ, NV, So. CA	714-246-8302
San Francisco	No. CA, AK, HI, OR, ID, WA	415-437-7961

To Report Suspected Fraud, Call or Write: 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477), Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, P.O. Box 23489, L'Enfant Plaza Station, Washington, D.C. 20026-3489.

Dated: January 6, 1999.

June Gibbs Brown,
Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Meeting of the National Reading Panel

Notice is hereby given of the fifth Washington area meeting of the National Reading Panel. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 1999, from 12:30 to 6:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007. The entire meeting will be open to the public.

The National Reading Panel was requested by Congress and created by the Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in consultation with the Secretary of Education. The Panel will study the

effectiveness of various approaches to teaching children how to read and report on the best ways to apply these findings in classrooms and at home. Its members include prominent reading researchers, teachers, child development experts, leaders in elementary and higher education, and parents. The Chair of the Panel is Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

The Panel will build on the recently announced findings presented by the National Research Council's Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children. Based on a review of the literature, the Panel will: determine the readiness for application in the classroom of the results of these research studies; identify appropriate means to rapidly disseminate this information to facilitate effective reading instruction in the schools; and identify gaps in the knowledge base for reading instruction and the best ways to close these gaps.

The agenda for this meeting will include discussing the recommendations made by the science members of the National Reading Panel, who have been developing a proposed methodology to select and evaluate research studies. A period of time will be set aside at approximately 4:00 PM for members of the public to address the Panel and express their view regarding

the Panel's mission. Individuals desiring an opportunity to speak before the Panel should address their requests to F. William Dommel, Jr., J.D., Executive Director, National Reading Panel, c/o Ms. Amy Andryszak and either mail them to the Widmeyer-Baker Group, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20009, or e-mail them to amy@twbg.com, or fax them to 202-667-0902. Requests for addressing the Panel should be received by January 15, 1999. Panel business permitting, each public speaker will be allowed five minutes to present his or her views. In the event of a large number of public speakers, the Panel Chair retains the option to further limit the presentation time allowed to each. Although the time permitted for oral presentations will be brief, the full text of all written comments submitted to the Panel will be made available to the Panel members for consideration.

For further information contact Ms. Amy Andryszak at 202-667-0901. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Amy Andryszak by January 15, 1999.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Duane Alexander,

Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; 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 meeting.

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

Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel Studies of Chemical Deposition in Mammals (RFP 98-29).

Date: January 27, 1999.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS-East Campus Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Linda K. Bass, Scientific Review Administrator, Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-24, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-1307.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.113, Biological Response on Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing; 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basis Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 5, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel Conference Grants (R13s).

Date: January 15, 1999.

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS-EAST Campus, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Patrick J. Mastin, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Environmental Health Science, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919/541/4964.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel Pathology Support for the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Quality Assessment.

Date: January 20, 1999.

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS-East Campus, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Patrick J. Mastin, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, 79 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-1446.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.113, Biological Response to

Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing; 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine, Research and Development Subcommittee.

Date: January 19, 1999.

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: Review research and developments and programs of the National Center for Biotechnology Information.

Place: National Library of Medicine, Building 38A, Conference Room 8N-805, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Contact Person: Donald A.B. Lindberg, MD, Director, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS, Bldg. 38, Room 2E17B, Bethesda, MD 20894. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 5, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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