

recommend disapproval of Minnesota SPA 98-10.

I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on June 9, 1999 on the Twenty-First Floor; 105 W. Adams Street; Chicago, Illinois 60603. If this date is not acceptable, we would be glad to set another date that is mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed at 42 CFR, part 430.

I am designating Mr. Stanley Katz as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact the presiding officer. In order to facilitate any communication which may be necessary between the parties to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing. The presiding officer may be reached at (410)-786-2661.

Sincerely,

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,
Administrator.

(Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. section 1316); 42 CFR section 430.18) (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 13.714, Medicaid Assistance Program)

Dated: April 22, 1999.

Nancy Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-1073-N]

Medicare Program; May 13, 1999, Meeting of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee

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 Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee (the CPAC) on May 13, 1999. Section 4012 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to create the CPAC. The CPAC meets periodically and makes recommendations to the Secretary, including the designation of areas for inclusion in the Medicare+Choice competitive pricing demonstration project and suggests appropriate research designs for implementing the project. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for May 13, 1999, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Hotel at the Metropolitan Airport in Detroit, 8270 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, (734) 729-6300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Arnold, Ph.D., Executive Director, Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee, Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Boulevard C4-14-17, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, (410) 786-6451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4011 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, (BBA) (Public Law 105-33) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology. Section 4012(a) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint a Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee (the CPAC) to meet periodically and make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the designation of areas for inclusion in the project and appropriate research designs for implementing the project. In previous meetings, the CPAC designated the Kansas City metropolitan area and Maricopa County in Arizona as demonstration sites.

Section 4012(b) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint an Area Advisory Committee (AAC) in each demonstration site included in the project to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the demonstration. The Kansas City metropolitan area AAC met on March 26, 1999, and April 8, 1999. The Maricopa County AAC met on March 31, 1999. Additional meetings are scheduled for the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC on April 22, 1999, and May 12, 1999, and for the Maricopa County AAC on April 20, 1999, and May 20, 1999.

The CPAC consists of 15 individuals who are independent actuaries; experts in competitive pricing and the administration of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program; and representatives of health plans, insurers, employers, unions, and beneficiaries. In accordance with section 4012(a)(5) of the BBA, the CPAC will terminate on December 31, 2004.

The CPAC held meetings on May 7, 1998, June 24 and 25, 1998, September 23 and 24, 1998, October 28, 1998, and January 6, 1999. The CPAC members are: James Cubbin, Executive Director, General Motors Health Care Initiative;

Robert Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, HCFA; John Bertko, CEO and Senior Actuary, PM-Squared Inc.; Dave Durenberger, Senior Health Policy Fellow, University of St. Thomas and Founder of Public Policy Partners; Gary Goldstein, M.D., CEO, The Oschner Clinic; Samuel Havens, Healthcare Consultant and Chairman of Health Scope/United; Margaret Jordan, President and CEO, The Margaret Jordan Group; Chip Kahn, CEO, The Health Insurance Association of America; Cleve Killingsworth, President, Health Alliance Plan; Nancy Kichak, Director, Office of Actuaries, Office of Personnel Management; Len Nichols, Principal Research Associate, The Urban Institute; Robert Reischauer, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institute; John Rother, Director, Legislation and Public Policy, American Association of Retired Persons; Andrew Stern, President, Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO; and Jay Wolfson, Director, The Florida Information Center, University of South Florida. The Chairperson of the CPAC is James Cubbin and the Co-Chairperson is Robert Berenson, M.D.

The agenda for May 13, 1999, CPAC meeting will include—

- A discussion of a letter to the Congress requesting a change in the demonstration's budget neutrality provision; and
- An update and discussion of decisions made by the two local AACs. This will include a discussion and decision on a request from the Maricopa County AAC to delay the demonstration for one year and a discussion and decision on a request from the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC to permit an additional year to consider alternative methods of risk adjustment.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues should contact Sharon Arnold, CPAC Executive Director, by 12 noon, May 6, 1999, 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 noon, May 11, 1999. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Executive Director by 12 noon, May 11, 1999.

The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

(Section 4012 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23 note) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App.2, section 10(a))

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital

Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: April 22, 1999.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Drug Testing Advisory Board of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention in June 1999.

The first day (June 7) of the Drug Testing Advisory Board meeting will be closed from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and involves the review of sensitive National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) internal operating procedures and program development issues. Therefore, this portion of the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), (4), and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App.2, § 10(d).

The second day (June 8) of the Drug Testing Advisory Board meeting will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The open session will include a roll call, general announcements, and a discussion of the information submitted by industry representatives regarding the use of alternative matrices (hair, sweat, oral fluids) and on-site tests to test for drugs of abuse. A public comment period will be scheduled during the open session. If anyone needs special accommodations for persons with disabilities please notify the Contact listed below.

An agenda for this meeting and a roster of board members may be obtained from: Ms. Giselle Hersh, Division of Workplace Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall II, Suite 815, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-6014.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

Committee Name: Drug Testing Advisory Board.

Meeting Date: June 7-8, 1999.

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

Closed: June 7, 1999; 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Open: June 8, 1999; 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Contact: Donna M. Bush, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Telephone: (301) 443-6014 and FAX: (301) 443-3031.

Sandi Stephens,

Team Leader, Division of Extramural Activities, Policy, and Review, Extramural Activities Team, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4441-N-24]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, HUD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: May 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1305. This is not a

toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

This Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

David S. Cristy,

Director, ISP and Management.

Title of Proposal: Housing Counseling Services.

Office: Housing.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0261.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The information to be collected is used to determine the qualifications of grant applications and to monitor the continued performance of grantees as Housing Counseling Services providers under Housing Counseling Grants to Fiscal Year 1997 through the present.

Form Number: HUD-9900-A, 9900-B, 9900-C, 9902, 9903, 9908, and 9921.

Repondents: State, Local or Tribal Government Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Frequency of Submission: On Occasion.

Reporting burden	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
HUD-9900A	75		1		2		150
HUD-9900B	75		1		8		600
HUD-9900C	10		1		2		20
HUD-9902	650		1		1.17		761
HUD-9903	15,000		1		5		1,200