

published March 14, 1991 (56 FR 10906), the agency announced that it would deny, without prejudice, any health claim petition that was submitted before issuance of final regulations concerning the submission and content of such petitions.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99D-5013]

Draft Guidance for Industry on Labeling of Over-the-Counter Human Drug Products Using a Column Format; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Labeling of Over-the-Counter Human Drug Products Using a Column Format." This draft guidance is intended to provide information on the use of columns as part of the standardized format and standardized content requirements for the labeling of over-the-counter (OTC) drug and drug-cosmetic products.

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft guidance for industry by January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft guidance for industry are available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/index.htm>. Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance entitled "Labeling of Over-the-Counter Human Drug Products Using a Column Format" to the Drug Information Branch (HFD-210), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request. Submit written comments on the draft guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald M. Rachanow or Cazemiro R. Martin, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-560), Food and Drug

Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Labeling of Over-the-Counter Human Drug Products Using Column Format." This is the first of a series of guidances the agency plans to issue to help manufacturers, packers, and distributors implement the recently issued final rule establishing standardized format and content requirements for the labeling of all OTC drug products.

In the **Federal Register** of March 17, 1999 (64 FR 13254), FDA published a final rule establishing a standardized format and standardized content requirements for the labeling of all OTC drug products including drug-cosmetic products (products that consist of both drug and cosmetic components or a single component marketed for both drug and cosmetic uses). This rule is intended to standardize labeling for all OTC drug products so consumers can easily read and understand OTC drug product labeling and use these products safely and effectively.

The regulatory requirements for this new standardized labeling require manufacturers to present OTC drug and drug-cosmetic labeling information in a certain prescribed order and format. This new format will require the revision of all existing labeling.

The final rule did not include examples where Drug Facts information (presented in a defined box or similar enclosure) appeared in column format on the same side of the outside container of a retail package, or side-by-side on the immediate container label. This draft guidance is intended to explain how Drug Facts information can be presented using a column format that is consistent with the final rule. This draft guidance includes examples of such labeling in columns.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices (62 FR 8961, February 27, 1997). This draft guidance represents the agency's current thinking on using a column format in the labeling of OTC human drug products (21 CFR part 201). It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public.

Interested persons may, on or before January 31, 2000, submit written comments on the draft guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this

document. The draft guidance and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Request for Retirement Benefit Information.

Form No.: HCFA-R-285 (OMB# 0938-0769).

Use: This form will be used to obtain information regarding whether a beneficiary is receiving retirement payments based on State or local government employment, how long the claimant worked for the State or local government employer, and whether the former employer or pension plan subsidizes the beneficiary's Part A premium. The purpose in collecting this information is to determine and provide those eligible beneficiaries, with free Part A Medicare coverage.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, and Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Total Annual Responses: 1,500.

Total Annual Hours: 375.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4490-N-02]

Notice of Regional Meeting on Draft HUD Tribal Consultation Policy

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Executive Order 13084 directs Federal agencies to "have an effective process to permit elected officials and other representatives of Indian tribal governments to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities." In accordance with the Executive Order, HUD is in the process of developing tribal consultation policy. On November 2, 1999, HUD published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing three regional meetings sponsored by HUD for the purposes of receiving tribal input on the appropriate scope and content of HUD's tribal consultation policy. This notice announces a future meeting being sponsored by HUD for this purpose. All comments received at the meetings will be considered in the development of

HUD's final tribal consultation policy. Before finalizing consultation policy, HUD will publish the draft policy in the **Federal Register** for additional public comment.

DATES: The regional meeting will be held on December 6, 1999. The meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 pm and end at approximately 4:30 pm (local time).

ADDRESSES: The regional meeting will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1030 15th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacqueline Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 4126, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 401-7914 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 14, 1998, President Clinton signed Executive Order 13084 (entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments"). The Executive Order directs Federal agencies to "have an effective process to permit elected officials and other representatives of Indian tribal governments to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities." In accordance with the Executive Order, HUD is in the process of developing a tribal consultation policy.

HUD is sponsoring a series of regional meetings for the purposes of receiving tribal input on the appropriate scope and content of HUD's consultation policy. Six meetings have already been held.

The first meeting was held on September 28, 1999 in Pocatello, Idaho in conjunction with the meeting of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. The second meeting was held on October 19, 1999 in Anchorage, Alaska in conjunction with the meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives. The third meeting was held on October 27, 1999 in Oneida, New York in conjunction with the meeting of the United South and Eastern Tribes.

On November 2, 1999 (64 FR 59196), HUD published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing three additional regional meetings. The fourth meeting was held on November 9, 1999 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The fifth meeting was held on November 16, 1999

in Phoenix, Arizona. The sixth meeting was held on November 17, 1999 in Denver, Colorado.

This notice announces a seventh regional consultation meeting. The meeting will be held at the place and time identified in the **DATES AND ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

All comments received at the regional consultation meetings will be considered in the development of HUD's final tribal consultation policy. Before finalizing a consultation policy, HUD will publish the draft policy in the **Federal Register** for additional public comment.

Interested persons who are unable to attend one of the regional consultation meetings are encouraged to submit written comments to the Office of Native American Programs, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office for Equal Opportunity, Office of the Secretary, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office for Equal Opportunity announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office for Equal Opportunity, Attn: Michael Dole, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St N.W., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Michael Dole, (202) 208-5183. The collection instrument is also available on the internet at: http://www.doi.gov/diversity/doc/di_1935.pdf.