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**Linda A. Suydam,**

*Interim Deputy Commissioner for Operations.*

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### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice announces two meetings of the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee on the Medicare Hospice Wage Index. The meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The March meeting is scheduled for March 22, 1995, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t., and March 23, 1995, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The April meeting is scheduled for April 11, 1995, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t., April 12, 1995, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and April 13, 1995, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Sheraton City Center, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Carter, (410) 966-4615.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-648, 5 U.S.C. 581-590), the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services has established the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee on the Medicare Hospice Wage Index. The Committee will make recommendations with respect to the content of a proposed rule on the wage index used to adjust payment rates for hospice care under the Medicare program to reflect local differences in area wage levels. The Committee consists of representatives of interests that are likely to be significantly affected by the proposed rule.

The Committee will meet on March 22-23 and April 11-13, 1995. The Committee will undertake the following activities:

- Discussion of analyses using Bureau of Labor Statistics data.
- Review issues in light of the BLS and hospital data.
- Attempt to develop a consensus document.

Individuals or organizations who wish to attend the meeting or make oral

presentations may do so. However, the number of presentations may be limited by the time available. Individuals may also submit written statements for the Committee's consideration. For information on how to do this, please contact the Committee facilitator, Judy Ballard at (202) 690-7419.

(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 Program)

Dated: March 7, 1995.

**Bruce C. Vladek,**

*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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### National Institutes of Health

#### Division of Research Grants; 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 Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

##### **Purpose/Agenda**

To review individual grant applications.

*Name of SEP:* Clinical Sciences.

*Date:* March 29, 1995.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Westwood Building, Room 352, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Gertrude McFarland, Scientific Review Admin., 5333 Westbard Ave., Room 352, Bethesda, MD 20892; (301) 594-7080.

*Name of SEP:* Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

*Date:* April 11, 1995.

*Time:* 2 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Westwood Building, Room 226, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Gerald Liddel, Scientific Review Administrator, 5333 Westbard Ave., Room 226, Bethesda, MD 20892; (301) 594-7167.

*Name of SEP:* Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

*Date:* April 12, 1995.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Westwood Building, Room 226, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Gerald Liddel, Scientific Review Administrator, 5333 Westbard Ave., Room 226, Bethesda, MD 20892; (301) 594-7167.

The 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.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review cycle.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 3, 1995.

**Susan K. Feldman,**

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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### Social Security Administration

#### Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/Railroad Retirement Board)

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of computer matching program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a computer matching program that SSA plans to conduct.

**DATES:** SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either facsimile to (410) 966-5138, or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Program and Integrity Reviews, 860 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Associate Commissioner for Program and Integrity Reviews as shown above.

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. General**

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by adding certain protections for

individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508), further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such individuals. The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain the Data Integrity Boards' approval of the match agreements.
- (3) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget;
- (4) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and
- (5) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying an individual's benefits or payments.

#### **B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act**

We have taken action to ensure that all of SSA's computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Dated: March 1, 1995.

**Shirley S. Chater,**  
*Commissioner of Social Security.*

#### **Notice of Computer Matching Program, Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) With Social Security Administration (SSA)**

##### *A. Participating Agencies*

SSA and RRB.

##### *B. Purpose of the Matching Program*

To identify supplemental security income recipients and applicants who receive benefits payable by the RRB. For such individuals, the income received due to benefits payable by the RRB may affect eligibility for or the amount of SSI benefits.

##### *C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program*

Section 1631(e)(1)(B) and section 1631(f) of the Social Security Act, as amended.

##### *D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program*

The RRB will provide SSA with a magnetic tape file containing annuity payment information from its system of records entitled Checkwriting Integrated Computer Operation Benefits Payment

Master. SSA will then match the RRB data with information maintained in the Supplemental Security Income Record, HHS/SSA/OSR, 09-60-0103.

##### *E. Inclusive Dates of the Match*

The matching program shall become effective 40 days after a copy of the agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Boards of both agencies, is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (or later if OMB objects to some or all of the agreement), or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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#### **Privacy Act of 1974; Report of New Routine Use**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Amended routine use.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11)), we are issuing public notice of our intent to amend a routine use applicable to SSA's system of records entitled "Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, HHS/SSA/OSR, 09-60-0058." The proposed routine use would provide for disclosure from the system of records to the Department of the Treasury, United States Secret Service (USSS), for purposes of investigating crimes (within the jurisdiction of the USSS) involving violations of the Social Security Act. The disclosure under the relevant routine use is currently limited to the Department of Justice (the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Attorneys Offices).

We invite public comment on this publication.

**DATES:** We have filed a report of a new routine use with the Chairman, Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Chairman, Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on March 3, 1995. The routine use will become effective, as proposed, without further notice April 14, 1995, unless we receive comments on or before that date that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested individuals may comment on this publication by writing to the SSA Privacy Officer, Social Security Administration, Room 3-A-6 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. All comments received will be available for public inspection at that address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Kattler, Social Insurance Specialist, Standards and Compliance Branch, Office of Disclosure Policy, Social Security Administration, 3-D-1 Operations Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, telephone 410-965-1738.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Discussion of the Proposed Routine Use**

###### *A. Background*

We propose to add a routine use to the system of records entitled "Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, HHS/SSA/OSR, 09-60-0058." The proposed routine use is necessary for the USSS to carry out its responsibilities to investigate various crimes involving violations of the Social Security Act.

###### *B. Disclosures to Law Enforcement and Security Agencies*

SSA discloses information from this system of records to certain entities that use the information for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which SSA collects it. One such category of disclosures is to the Department of Justice (the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and United States Attorneys Offices) for purposes of investigating or prosecuting violations of the Social Security Act. Disclosures are most often made from the system to investigate or prosecute those violations of section 208 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 408) involving criminal misuse of the SSN.

SSA proposes to alter the system by amending an existing routine use to authorize disclosure of SSN information to the USSS for use in investigating crimes involving violations of the Social Security Act. We are doing this because the investigative jurisdiction of the USSS includes various offenses which often involve violations of the Social Security Act. These offenses include fraud associated with electronic fund transfers; crimes involving financial institutions; the counterfeiting or fraudulent use of identification documents; the fraudulent use of "access devices" such as credit and debit cards; and certain crimes involving computer fraud (18 U.S.C. 1029, 1030, 3056; Pub.L. 101-509, Title