

The workshop will include a segment on FDA's enforcement policies and procedures as they relate to the medical gas industry. The workshop is free of charge to interested participants. FDA is particularly interested in participation by medical gas manufacturing firms in Ohio and Kentucky.

Dated: November 14, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy
Coordination.

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Health Care Financing Administration

[ORD-093-N]

New and Pending Demonstration Project Proposals Submitted Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act: September 1996

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: No new proposals for Medicaid demonstration projects were submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services during the month of September 1996 under the authority of section 1115 of the Social Security Act. There were no proposals approved, disapproved, or withdrawn during that time period. Pending proposals remain unchanged. (This notice can be accessed on the Internet at [HTTP://WWW.HCFA.GOV/ORD/ORDHP1.HTML](http://WWW.HCFA.GOV/ORD/ORDHP1.HTML).)

COMMENTS: We will accept written comments on these proposals. We will, if feasible, acknowledge receipt of all comments, but we will not provide written responses to comments. We will, however, neither approve nor disapprove any new proposal for at least 30 days after the date of this notice to allow time to receive and consider comments. Direct comments as indicated below:

ADDRESSES: Mail correspondence to: Susan Anderson, Office of Research and Demonstrations, Health Care Financing Administration, Mail Stop C3-11-07, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Anderson, (410) 786-3996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may consider and approve research and

demonstration proposals with a broad range of policy objectives. These demonstrations can lead to improvements in achieving the purposes of the Act.

In exercising her discretionary authority, the Secretary has developed a number of policies and procedures for reviewing proposals. On September 27, 1994, we published a notice in the Federal Register (59 FR 49249) that specified (1) the principles that we ordinarily will consider when approving or disapproving demonstration projects under the authority in section 115(a) of the Act; (2) the procedures we expect States to use in involving the public in the development of proposed demonstration projects under section 1115; and (3) the procedures we ordinarily will follow in reviewing demonstration proposals. We are committed to a thorough and expeditious review of State requests to conduct such demonstrations.

As part of our procedures, we publish a notice in the Federal Register with a monthly listing of all new submissions, pending proposals, approvals, disapprovals, and withdrawn proposals. Proposals submitted in response to a grant solicitation or other competitive process are reported as received during the month that grant or bid is awarded, so as to prevent interference with the awards process.

II. Listing of New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals for the Month of September 1996

A. Comprehensive Health Reform Programs

1. New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals

We did not receive any new proposals or approve or disapprove any proposals during the month of September nor were any proposals withdrawn during that month. Therefore, pending proposals for the month of July 1996 published in the Federal Register of September 11, 1996, 61 FR 47946, remain unchanged.

B. Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals

1. New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals

We did not receive any new proposals or approve or disapprove any Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals during the month of September nor were any proposals withdrawn during that month.

Pending proposals for the month of July found in the Federal Register of

September 11, 1996, 61 FR 47946 and the month of August found in the Federal Register of September 26, 1996, 61 FR 50493 remain unchanged.

III. Requests for Copies of a Proposal

Requests for copies of a specific Medicaid proposal should be made to the State contact listed for the specific proposal. If further help or information is needed, inquiries should be directed to HCFA at the address above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program, No. 93.779; Health Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Experiments)

Dated: October 31, 1996.

Barbara Cooper,
Acting Director, Office of Research and
Demonstrations.

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Medicare Program; December 16, 1996 Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

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 Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 16, 1996, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t. (The spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17, 1997, in Washington, D.C.)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium, 1st Floor, Health Care Financing Administration Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Shekar, M.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 425-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 260-5463.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the