

To provide an additional opportunity for public input and to solicit additional views and advice on implementation of the administrative simplification provisions of Public Law 104-191, the Executive Subcommittee of the NCVHS, with support from the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, is sponsoring a public meeting on June 3-4, 1997 in San Francisco. The meeting is open to the public and will take place from 9:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue.

For the meeting, the Committee is inviting specific organizations representing consumer groups, plans, providers, insurers, researchers and the public health community, as well as other interested parties to describe their perspectives and offer advice on the implementation of the law. Presenters are being asked to respond to the questions outlined below in writing, to make a brief oral presentation, and to respond to additional questions from the Committee.

#### Questions To Be Addressed

1. What does your organization expect to be the impact of the administrative simplification requirements in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)? These standards include: Administrative transactions, coding sets and medical classifications, privacy, confidentiality, security and unique personal health identification numbers for providers, plans, employers, and individuals for use in the health care system. Please describe how each of these issues could affect the members of your organization or the persons you represent.

2. Are any of these standards currently priority areas for your organization or members of your organization? How are you addressing or planning to address these standards?

3. Do members of your organization have any concerns about the type of transactions specified under HIPAA? For producers of the data, how available is the information that you need to report in the transactions? For organizations and individuals that use these data, is the information useful for bill payment, managing the care process, and health policy analysis and assessments? Do you have comments regarding the quality of these data?

4. How can administrative simplification best be achieved while balancing clinical and payment needs with maintaining privacy protection for individuals?

5. Recognizing the intent of the administrative simplification provisions of P.L. 104-191, what coding approach would best meet your needs? Please suggest how administrative simplification could be achieved while reducing administrative burden and obtaining clinically useful information.

6. What medical and clinical codes and classifications do you use in administrative transactions now? What do you perceive as the main strengths and weaknesses of the current methods for coding and classification of encounter and enrollment data?

7. What medical procedure classification system would you recommend as the initial

standard for outpatient transactions? Is it practical to move to a single procedure classification on the schedule required for the implementation of administrative standards? Should the standards continue the current practice of requiring different procedure coding systems for the ambulatory and inpatient sectors?

8. Before the passage of HIPAA, the National Center for Health Statistics initiated the development of a clinical modification of the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Edition (ICD-10-CM) to replace ICD-9-CM. In addition, the Health Care Financing Administration undertook the development of a new procedure coding system for inpatient services, entitled ICD-10-PCS (Procedure Classification System). A plan exists to implement these systems simultaneously in the year 2000. On the pre-HIPAA schedule, they will be released to the field for evaluation and testing by 1998. Should ICD be used for administrative transactions? If so, which version do you advocate and why?

9. Do you have any advice or recommendations for NCVHS or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services related to the implementation of the standards and privacy provisions of the HIPAA? Do you have any concerns?

**Contact Person for More Information:** Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Acting Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority; Program Support Center

Part P, (Program Support Center) of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (60 FR 51480, October 2, 1995 as amended most recently at 62

FR 5010, February 3, 1997) is amended to reflect changes in Chapter PF within Part P, Program Support Center, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Information Technology Service (ITS) is realigning its functions and developing skills in new information technology service areas, primarily in the Internet/Intranet area. This organizational change will maximize ITS' ability to properly focus on this new technology area.

### Program Support Center

Under Part P, Section P-20,

Functions, change the following:

*Chapter PF, Information Technology Service (PF)* is amended as follows:

Under the heading *Division of Human Resources Information Management PFG*, delete the title and functional statement in its entirety.

Establish the *Division of Information Systems and Technology (PFH)* and enter the functional statement as follows:

*Division of Information Systems and Technology (PFH)* (1) Provides fee-for-service information technology (IT) support to HHS OPDIVs and other Government agencies. Services include providing information from the HHS personnel/payroll system and providing technological support in utilizing evolving IT areas, such as the Internet and other new IT developments; (2) provides analysis, design, development, implementation and ongoing support of information reporting in various areas, such as personnel and payroll; and (3) provides analysis, design, development, implementation and ongoing support in utilizing evolving technology, such as the Internet.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these