

are able to make an effective transition to the post-AFDC environment at the time they incur the additional administrative expenses resulting from the decoupling of Medicaid eligibility from receipt of cash assistance under title IV-A of the Act. Further delays in furnishing States with this funding could result in delays in making the determination that individuals are entitled to necessary medical services, with the attendant severe consequences for individuals who need them. It is also similarly important and in the public interest that States are able to conduct outreach efforts to prevent eligible needy individuals losing contact with the Medicaid program which they would otherwise have established because of its previous connection to cash assistance. Moreover, in developing the terms of this notice we have actively worked with intergovernmental and other interested groups to obtain their counsel. Accordingly, we find that good cause exists to waive prior notice and comment, the 30 day delay, and the 60 day delay for advance Congressional review.

IX. Impact Statement

Consistent with the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 through 612), we prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis unless we certify that a notice such as this will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. For purposes of the RFA, individuals and States are not included in the definition of a small entity.

In addition, section 1102(b) of the Act requires us to prepare a regulatory impact analysis if a notice such as this may have a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals. Such an analysis must conform to the provisions of section 604 of the RFA. For purposes of section 1102(b) of the Act, we define a small rural hospital as a hospital that is located outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area and has fewer than 50 beds.

The fund distribution announced by this notice is required by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. In addition, the amount of money involved, \$500 million divided among 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 3 Territories over a period of 3 years will not have a significant effect on any State or Territory, or the Medicare program.

For these reasons, we are not preparing analyses for either the RFA or section 1102(b) of the Act because we have determined, and we certify, that

this notice will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities or a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. Costs attributable to State activities covered by this notice will be paid for by Federal funds according to the matching rates outlined in the allocation formula analysis described earlier. Further, States will incur some additional costs based on the State share associated with these matching rates.

X. Information Collection Requirements

This document does not impose new information collection requirements that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. States will be required to claim FFP for administrative expenditures attributable to the eligibility determination activities resulting from enactment of PRWORA. The only information that is required will be reported on existing Form HCFA-64. This form has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under approval number 0938-0067, which expires on March 30, 1998.

Authority: Secs. 1102 and 1931(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1396uu).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program)

Dated: March 24, 1997.

Bruce C. Vladek,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting:

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Research Resources (NCRR).

Dates of Meeting: July 9-10, 1997.

Time: 8:00 a.m.—until adjournment.

Place of Meeting: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Conference Room 3B13, Building 31, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Scientific Review Administrator: Dr. Louise Ramm, Deputy Director, National Center for Research Resources, Building 31, Room 3B11, Bethesda, MD 20892, Telephone: (301) 496-6024.

Purpose/Agenda: For the review of the NCRR intramural research program.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the National Institutes of Health, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: May 8, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Meeting: Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research Committee

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research Committee on June 11-13, 1997, at the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn, 2 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on June 11 to discuss administrative details relating to committee business and program review, and for a report from the Director, Division of Extramural Activities, which will include a discussion of budgetary matters. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications and contract proposals from 9:30 a.m. until recess on June 11, from 8:30 a.m. until recess on June 12, and from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment on June 13. These applications, proposals, and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable