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STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collection projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project 1

Responsibilities of Awardees and Applicant Institutions for Reporting Possible Misconduct in Science (42 CFR part 50 and PHS 6349)—0937-0198—Revision—As required by Section 493 of the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary by regulation shall require that applicant and awardee institutions receiving PHS funds must investigate and report instances of alleged or apparent misconduct in science.

Respondents: State or local governments; Businesses or other for-profit; Non-profit institutions—*Reporting Burden Information—Number of Respondents:* 3607; *Number of Annual Responses:* 3,700; *Average Burden per Response:* 29.85 minutes; *Total Reporting Burden:* 1,841 hours—*Disclosure Burden Information—Number of Respondents:* 3607; *Number of Annual Responses:* 3,667; *Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes; *Total Disclosure Burden:* 1,834 hours—*Recordkeeping Burden Information—Number of Respondents:* 40; *Number of Annual Responses:* 140; *Average Burden per Response:* 7.03 hours; *Total Recordkeeping Burden:* 984 hours—*Total Burden—4,659 hours.*

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meetings.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Health Data Needs, Standards, and Security. Workgroup on Data Standards and Security.

Times and Dates: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., August 5, 1997; 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., August 6, 1997; 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., August 7, 1997.

Place: Capital Hilton, 16th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: Under the Administrative Simplification provisions of P.L. 104-191, the Health Insurance Portability and

Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to adopt standards for specified transactions to enable health information to be exchanged electronically. The law requires that, within 24 months of adoption, all health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers who choose to conduct these transactions electronically must comply with these standards. The law also requires the Secretary to adopt a number of supporting standards including standards for code sets and classification systems and standards for security to protect health information. The Secretary is required to consult with the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) in complying with these provisions. The NCVHS is the Department's federal advisory committee on health data, privacy and health information policy.

To assist in the development of the NCVHS recommendations to HHS, the NCVHS Subcommittee on Health Data Needs, Standards, and Security has been holding a series of public meetings to obtain the views, perspectives and concerns of interested and affected parties.

On August 5, and August 6, 1997, the Subcommittee's Working Group on Data Standards and Security will hold a public meeting at which they will receive input from the health care industry on recommendations for security standards. The Subcommittee is interested in receiving testimony that will provide an understanding of the foundation of information security in health care as well as the issues, barriers, and challenges that face the industry. Representatives of the health care industry—health care providers, payers, professional associations, vendors, and standards development organizations—are being invited to testify and respond to the Subcommittee's question on security issues in the implementation of the administrative simplification provisions of P.L. 104-191. The industry representatives are being asked to address the questions (below) in writing, to make brief oral presentations of their answers, and to answer further questions from the Subcommittee. Other organizations that would like to submit written statements on these issues are invited to do so.

On August 7, 1997, the Subcommittee will discuss issues, recommendations, and its proposed workplan for the supporting standards for the nine financial and administrative health care transactions. The full NCVHS has already forwarded its recommendations on the architecture for these nine transactions to the Secretary.

Questions to be Addressed: Whereas not all questions are applicable to all participants or their organizations, the following set of questions illustrates the scope and complexity of the security issues to be addressed by the Committee.

Policies and Procedures

- What policies and procedures should be employed to safeguard information?
- How should these policies and procedures be communicated to internal and external users as well as consumers?
- How frequently are policies reviewed?