

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators was established by Subtitle D, section 232 of the Social Security Act Amendments of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-432). The duties of the Advisory Board include (A) providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the development of indicators of the rate at which and, to the extent feasible, the degree to which, families depend on income from welfare programs and the duration of welfare receipt and (B) providing advice on the development and presentation of annual welfare indicators reports to the Congress required by the Social Security Act Amendments of 1994.

The meeting of the Advisory Board is open to the public. The agenda for the September 25 meeting includes discussion of the first annual welfare indicators report to Congress. The report will include analysis of families and individuals receiving assistance under means-tested benefit programs under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, the Food Stamp Act of 1977, and title XVI of the Social Security Act, or as general assistance under programs administered by state and local governments. At a minimum, the report is required to set forth indicators of the rate at which and, to the extent feasible, the degree to which, families depend on income from welfare programs and the duration of receipt; trends in indicators; predictors of welfare receipt; the causes of welfare receipt; and patterns of multiple program receipt. A final agenda will be available from the office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation—Human Services Policy on September 19, 1997.

Records will be kept of the Advisory Board proceedings, and will be available for public inspection at offices of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation—Human Services Policy, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., room 404-E, Washington, D.C. 20201 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Dated: September 8, 1997.

Patricia Ruggles,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Services Policy, ASPE.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committee Meeting; Cancellation

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is cancelling the joint meeting of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee and the Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee scheduled for September 19, 1997. The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** of August 14, 1997 (62 FR 43539).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: September 9, 1997.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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State Children's Health Insurance Program; Reserved Allotments to States for Fiscal Year 1998; Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides advance notification of the reserved fiscal year (FY) 1998 State allotments available to provide Federal funding to individual States, Commonwealths, and Territories for expenditures in the new State Children's Health Insurance Program established under title XXI of the Social Security Act. The notice also describes the methodology and process that HCFA used to determine these reserved allotments in accordance with section 2104 of the Act. These reserved State

allotments are estimates of States' FY 1998 title XXI allotments, assuming that each State were to submit, and receive approval for, a State child health plan. Under title XXI the amount of a State's allotment for a fiscal year is available for 3 years for States with approved child health plans.

This notice also specifies the enhanced Federal medical assistance percentages (FMAP) for child health assistance provided under Title XXI for fiscal year 1998.

Established by section 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33), the State Children's Health Insurance Program will provide Federal matching funds to States to initiate and expand health insurance coverage to uninsured, low-income children.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Background on New Legislation

Section 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA, Pub. L. 105-33,