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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Correction

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services  
Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** In the **Federal Register** issue  
of Thursday, October 9, 1997, make the  
following correction:

#### Correction

In FR Doc. 97-26645, on page 52908,  
in the third column under the heading  
"Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)/  
Other Infant Death (OID) Program," the  
program is being withdrawn from  
competition due to financial and  
programmatic concerns.

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**Claude Earl Fox,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and other Health Care Practitioners: Availability of and Fee for Public Use Data File

The Health Resources and Services  
Administration (HRSA), Department of  
Health and Human Services (DHHS), is  
announcing a fee of \$195 for the  
recently available public use data file  
which includes selected information  
from approximately 168,000 reports  
submitted to the National Practitioner  
Data Bank (Data Bank) between  
September 1, 1990 and December 31,  
1997. HRSA plans to make updated  
versions of the complete file available  
every 4 months. A separate \$195 fee will  
be charged for each updated copy of the  
file. The file contains information

concerning: (1) Malpractice payments  
made for the benefit of physicians,  
dentists, and other health care  
practitioners; and (2) adverse licensure,  
clinical privileges, and professional  
society membership actions concerning  
physicians and dentists.

The file does not contain information  
which would allow identification of  
individual physicians, dentists, or other  
health care practitioners. It also does not  
contain information identifying either  
entities which filed reports with the  
Data Bank or patients. This information  
is being made available for research  
purposes in conformance with 42 USC  
11137(b). Hospitals cannot fulfill their  
obligation under 42 USC 11135 to query  
the Data Bank by obtaining this data file.  
Other health care entities cannot fulfill  
obligations to query the Data Bank  
imposed by accreditation agencies by  
obtaining this file.

Information in the file includes type  
of practitioner, type of reporting entity,  
and the practitioner's State. For  
malpractice payment reports,  
information includes malpractice  
payment amount, reasons for  
malpractice payment, date of payment,  
and whether payment is a result of  
judgment or settlement. For adverse  
action reports, the file includes  
information on the reason for the  
licensure or clinical privileges adverse  
action, the type of action taken, and the  
duration of such action.

The public use file is in ASCII format  
and is approximately 20 megabytes in  
size. It is available in compressed form  
on IBM-PC compatible high density 3.5  
inch diskettes and may also be made  
available in CD-ROM format. In  
addition to the data themselves, a  
complete file description in ASCII text  
format is included. For information on  
how to order the file, call Data Bank  
"Help Line" at 1-800-767-6732.

The Data Bank is authorized by the  
Health Care Quality Improvement Act of  
1986 (the Act), title IV of Public Law  
99-660, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11101 *et  
seq.*). Section 427(b)(4) of the Act  
authorizes the establishment of fees for  
the costs of processing requests for  
disclosure and of providing such  
information.

Final regulations at 45 CFR part 60 set  
forth the criteria and procedures for  
information to be reported to and  
disclosed by the Data Bank. Section 60.3  
of these regulations defines the terms  
used in this announcement.

In determining any changes in the  
amount of the user fee, the Department  
uses the criteria set forth in § 60.12(b) of  
the regulations, as well as allowable  
costs pursuant to the DHHS  
Appropriations Act of 1998, Pub. L.

105-78, enacted November 13, 1997.  
This Act requires that the Department  
recover the full costs of operating the  
Data Bank through user fees. Section  
60.12(b) of the regulations states:

"The amount of each fee will be  
determined based on the following criteria:

(1) Use of electronic data processing  
equipment to obtain information—the actual  
cost for the service, including computer  
search time, runs, printouts, and time of  
computer programmers and operators, or  
other employees,

(2) Photocopying or other forms of  
reproduction, such as magnetic tapes—actual  
cost of the operator's time, plus the cost of  
the machine time and the materials used,

(3) Postage—actual cost, and

(4) Sending information by special  
methods requested by the applicant, such as  
express mail or electronic transfer—the  
actual cost of the special service."

Additionally, in establishing this  
charge, the Agency used guidance  
issued in the Office of Management and  
Budget (OMB) Circular A-25, applicable  
to the imposition of user fees. This  
circular authorizes agencies to collect  
user fees for the "full cost" of providing  
a service. These allowable costs include  
research. All other Data Bank user fees  
remain the same.

The Department will review this  
charge periodically, and will revise it as  
necessary. Any changes in the fee and  
their effective dates will be announced  
in the **Federal Register**.

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**Claude Earl Fox,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Human Genome Research Institute; 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:* National Human  
Genome Research Institute, Special  
Emphasis, Panel ZHG1 HGR P M1.

*Agenda/Purpose:* To review and evaluate  
grant applications and/or contract proposals.

*Date:* February 26, 1998.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 5 p.m.

*Place:* The Sheraton Washington Hotel,  
Washington, D.C.

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