

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration****National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on May 4, 1998, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 5, 1998, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Gaithersburg Hilton Hotel, Salons A and B, 620 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Charles A. Finder, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-240), Food and Drug Administration, 1350 Piccard Dr., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-594-3332, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12397. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On May 4, 1998, the committee will discuss the proposed Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) inspection procedures under the final regulations. On May 5, 1998, the committee will discuss the issue of collimation of the x-ray field as it relates to mammography and receive updates on the issues of States as certifying bodies under MQSA, Interventional Mammography, and Voluntary Stereotactic Accreditation Programs.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by April 6, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on May 4 and 5, 1998. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral

presentations should notify the contact person before April 6, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Resources and Services Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

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: Use of Emergency Departments by HCH Clients—New

—The Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program is a Federal grant

program authorized by section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act. The HCH Program seeks to improve access by homeless individuals to primary health care and substance abuse treatment. There are 122 community-based organization grantees which are community and migrant health centers, local health departments and community coalitions. More than 450,000 clients have been served. Specific activities of the HCH program are:

- Providing for primary health care and substance abuse services at accessible locations;
- Providing round-the-clock access to emergency services and referring to hospital inpatient and/or to mental health services as needed;
- Helping homeless persons to establish eligibility for assistance and to obtain services under entitlement programs.

Data will be collected in six East Coast cities in which there are Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) grantees. Between 200–250 single homeless persons will be interviewed at either homeless shelters or soup kitchens in each of the six sites. The objective is a total sample of 1,350.

The main research questions the data collection is intended to answer are:

- Is there a difference in the level of use of hospital emergency departments by HCH program users and HCH program non-users?
- Is there a difference in the inappropriate use of hospital emergency departments by HCH program users and HCH program non-users?
- Is hospital emergency department use by homeless people a reasonable indicator of an HCH program's impact or success?
- Do differences in emergency department utilization among the homeless vary across specific broad classes of medical conditions?
- Do the differences in emergency department utilization among the homeless vary by age, gender, ethnicity, insurance, status or family status?

There will be five categories of questions respondents will be asked: Emergency Room Visits, Inpatient Hospital Utilization, Outpatient Health Care Utilization, Health Status and Perceived Need for Health Care, and Demographics.

The estimated respondent burden is as follows: