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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. 98-CB-02-1]

#### Announcement of the Availability of Financial Assistance and Request for Applications to Support a National Resource Center for Programs Serving Abandoned Infants and Infants at Risk of Abandonment and Their Families; a National Resource Center for Community-based Family Resource and Support Programs; and Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-based Family Resources and Support Programs

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of correction.

**SUMMARY:** This notice corrects the Program Announcement published in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 1998, (62 FR 15847) by extending the due date to June 22, 1998; by correcting the address to which completed applications are to be sent; and by amending the dollar amount available for the National Resource Center for Community-based Family Resource and Support Programs. The correct address for the submission of proposals is ACYF Operations Center, 1225 Jefferson David Highway, Suite 415, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The amount of funding available for the National Resource Center for Community-based Family Resource and Support Programs is \$675,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) Operations Center, 1225 Jefferson David Highway, Suite 415, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The telephone number is 1-800-351-2293.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 1, 1998, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families published Program Announcement Number: CB-98-02 in the **Federal Register** soliciting proposals to conduct a National Resource Center for Programs Serving Abandoned Infants and Infants at Risk of Abandonment and Their Families; a National Resource Center for

Community-Based Family Resources and Support Programs; and Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-based Family Resource and Support Programs.

Due to delays in reprinting and in mailing out the application packages, potential applicants may not have sufficient time to prepare an application and this amendment extends the due date. All other requirements for mailed applications/overnight/express mail service and hand-delivered applications/applicant couriers remain the same as in the original announcement.

The address to which these proposals were to be sent was mistyped in the announcement and the dollar amount for the National Resource Center for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs was incorrectly given; and therefore, this amendment corrects those errors.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers 93.551, Abandoned Infants Assistance Program; 93.590, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act)

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**James A. Harrell,**

*Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-2008-PN]

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#### Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Recognition of the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. for Ambulatory Surgical Centers Program

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

**ACTION:** Proposed notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice we announce the receipt of an application from the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. (AAAASF) for recognition as a national accreditation program for ambulatory surgical centers that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. The Social Security Act requires that the Secretary publish a notice identifying the national accreditation body making the request, describing the nature of the request, and providing a 30 day public comment period.

**DATES:** Comments will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5:00 pm on June 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to the following address: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: HCFA-2008-PN, P.O. Box 26688, Baltimore, MD 21207-5178.

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 309-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code HCFA-1885-P. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, in Room 309-G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone: (202) 690-7890).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan C. Berry (410) 786-7233.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services in an ambulatory surgical center (ASC) provided certain requirements are met. Section 1832 (a)(2)(F) of the Social Security Act (the Act) includes the requirements that an ASC have an agreement in effect with the Secretary and meet health, safety, and other standards specified by the Secretary in regulations. Regulations concerning supplier agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 and those pertaining to activities relating to the survey and certification of facilities are at 42 CFR part 488. Our regulations at 42 CFR Part 416 specify the conditions that an ASC must meet in order to participate in the Medicare program, the scope of covered services, and the conditions for Medicare payment for facility services.

Generally, in order to enter into an agreement, an ASC must first be certified by a State survey agency as complying with the conditions or requirements set forth in part 416 of our regulations. Then, the ASC is subject to regular surveys by a State survey agency