

SUMMARY: The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), on the recommendation of the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards, has issued an exposure draft of a proposed revision to Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) titled Government Auditing Standards: Additional Documentation Requirements When Assessing Control Risk at Maximum for Computer-Related Controls (GAO/GAGAS-ED-3) and is seeking public comment. The proposed revision would add a new field work standard for financial statement audits prescribing additional documentation requirements for (1) the assessment of control risk at maximum for assertions significantly dependent on computer applications and (2) the basis for concluding that resulting audit procedures are designed to effectively achieve audit objectives and appropriately limit audit risk. The revision will be effective for financial statement audits of periods ending on or after September 15, 1999.

DATES: Comments are accepted through September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the exposure draft can be obtained on the Internet on GAO's Home Page (www.gao.gov) in the Special Publications section. Additional copies of these proposed standards can be obtained from the U.S. General Accounting Office, Room 1100, 700 4th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548, by calling 202-512-6000, or via FAX 202-512-6061. Comments should be both in writing and on diskette (in ASCII format), addressed to Robert W. Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, Accounting and Information Management Division, U.S. General Accounting Office, 441 G Street NW., Room 5089, Washington, DC 20548.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert W. Gramling, 202-512-9406.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In February 1997, the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards endorsed a revised approach of issuing individual standards issue-by-issue as the Council reaches consensus on a particular issue, with periodic codification of the standards. This revised approach was adopted to provide more timely revision of the standards for emerging audit issues. The approach will continue the practice of seeking public comments on all draft revisions.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), in issuing Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 78, Consideration of Internal Control in a Financial Statement Audit: An Amendment to Statement on

Auditing Standards No. 55, requires auditors to document their basis for conclusions when control risk is assessed below maximum. However, SAS No. 78 does not impose a similar requirement for assessments of control risk at maximum.

This proposed standard will help ensure that auditors conducting financial statement audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards carefully consider controls related to assertions which are significantly dependent on computer applications and appropriately limit audit risk related to such assertions. This exposure draft also presents conforming changes to GAGAS field work standards for financial statement audits to recognize, where applicable, the effect of SAS No. 78 on GAGAS for internal control.

The Council will consider the comments in making recommendations to the Comptroller General of the United States in finalizing revisions to the standards. Publication of the final standard will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 98092]

The Epidemiology of Opportunistic Infections in Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients Notice of Availability of Fiscal Year 1998 Funds; Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for cooperative agreements for the epidemiology of opportunistic infections in bone marrow transplant recipients was published in the **Federal Register** on July 28, 1998, [Vol. 63 FR Number 144]. The notice is amended as follows:

On page 40294, First column, under "Eligible Applicants", the first paragraph, second sentence should read: "Eligible applicants must perform or collect data on >100 new BMTs per year in order to maximize the number of BMT recipients under surveillance, and therefore increase the power of the study." On page 40294, Second column, under "Recipient Activities", paragraph c., second sentence, the second sentence should read: "This should include

methods to determine risk factors and incidence rates of important OIs." On page 40295, First column, under "Capacity (35 Points)", the fourth paragraph should read: "Extent to which the applicant demonstrates it has collected data on the likely important OIs, as well as possible new and emerging OIs such as *Streptococcus Viridans* spp., coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus* spp., etc. On page 40295, Third column, fourth paragraph should read: For program technical assistance contact: Clare A. Dykewicz, M.D., M.P.H., CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, Mailstop A12, 1600 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (404) 639-4932, FAX (404) 639-4664, Email address: cad3@cdc.gov."

All other information and requirements of the notice remain the same.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Meeting

Name: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Working Group on Influenza.

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., September 1, 1998; 8 a.m.-12 noon, September 2, 1998.

Place: CDC, Auditorium A, Building 2, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: The Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the appropriate uses of immunizing agents. The Influenza Working Group was formed to assist the Committee in expanding the current ACIP influenza immunization recommendations to include the use of new influenza vaccines and antiviral agents expected to be licensed by the Food and Drug Administration within the next two years.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda will include presentations on the potential health benefits of vaccinating healthy adults against influenza; economic studies on vaccinating healthy adults against influenza; a study on the vaccination of healthy women; the cost effectiveness of vaccinating healthy adult workers; modeling the economics of vaccinating healthy adults against influenza; comments from the Food and Drug Administration, Council of State and