

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meetings**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Standards and Security.

*Times and Dates:* 9 a.m.–5 p.m., December 8, 1998. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., December 9, 1998.

*Place:* Conference Room 800, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20201.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* Under the Administrative Simplification provisions of Pub.L. 104–191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) is required to study the issues related to the adoption of uniform data standards for patient medical record information and the electronic interchange of such information, and report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services not later than August 2000 on recommendations and legislative proposals for such standards and electronic interchange. The NCVHS is the Department's federal advisory committee on health data, privacy and health information policy.

To assist in developing the NCVHS recommendations to HHS relating to clinical data standards, the NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards and Security, Working Group on Computer-based Patient Records, has scheduled a public meeting on December 8–9, 1998 in Washington, DC. At the meeting, the Subcommittee will seek advice on how best to address the report and recommendations to HHS relating to clinical data standards. For the meeting, the

Subcommittee is inviting specific individuals with knowledge and experience in these areas to (1) provide their perspectives and advice, (2) address specific questions relating to clinical data standards, and (3) answer further questions from the Subcommittee. Other individuals and organizations that would also like to submit written statements to the Subcommittee on these issues are invited to do so at the meeting. The tentative agenda for the meeting, as well as a description of the panels of speakers, will be posted on the NCVHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>, when available.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Substantive program information about the meeting may be obtained from Michael Fitzmaurice (AHCPR, 301–594–3938) or Bob Mayes (HCFA, 410 786–6872), lead staff for the Computer-based Patient Record Working Group. Information about the NCVHS is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website, or from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436–7050.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Developmental Disabilities Protection & Advocacy Program Statement of Objectives and Priorities.

*OMB No.:* 0980–0270.

*Description:* This information collection is a reporting by Protection & Advocacy (P&A) Systems in each State. Using this reporting format, the P&A systems describe their Statement of Objectives and Priorities for the coming fiscal year in the pursuit of their effort under Part C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6000 *et seq.*) to protect the civil and human rights of persons with developmental disabilities. This Statement of Objectives and Priorities (SOP) is required by Section 142(a)(2) (paragraphs C and D) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C., 6000 *et seq.*). Each P&A System is required to develop an SOP and to submit it to public comment.

The final version of the SOP is submitted by each P&A System to the Department of Health and Human Services, which will use the data in the SOP to monitor compliance of P&As with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, and will also provide a management tool for necessary program stewardship and grasp of prospective program direction.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Statement of Objectives and Priorities .....	56	1	44	2,464

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,464.

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer.

*OMB Comment:* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 to 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should

be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, N.W., Attn: Ms. Wendy Taylor.

Dated: November 17, 1998.

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