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Dated: December 8, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 16, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Discussion Agenda:

1. Proposed 1999 Federal Reserve Bank budgets.
2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

Note: This meeting will be recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend. Cassettes will be available for listening in the Board's Freedom of Information Office, and copies may be ordered for \$6 per cassette by calling 202-452-3684 or by writing to: Freedom of Information Office, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 for a recorded announcement of this meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement. (The Web site also includes procedural and other information about the open meeting.)

Dated: December 9, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Approximately 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 16, 1998, following a recess at the conclusion of the open meeting.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-4002-GNC]

RIN 0938-AJ15

Medicare Program; Criteria and Standards for Evaluating Intermediary and Carrier Performance; Millennium Compliance

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

ACTION: General notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice revises the criteria and standards to be used for evaluating the performance of fiscal intermediaries and carriers in the administration of the Medicare program. This revision establishes a performance standard requiring these contractors to meet requirements for millennium compliance. We require contractors to certify that they have made all necessary system(s) changes and have tested those systems in accordance with HCFA guidelines.

DATES: *Effective date:* This notice is effective December 11, 1998.

Comment date: Comments will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below,

no later than 5 p.m. on February 9, 1999.

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-4002-GNC, P.O. Box 31850, Baltimore, MD 21207-8850

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, D.C. 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: HCFA4002GNC@hcfa.gov. E-mail comments must include the full name, postal address, and affiliation (if applicable) of the sender and must be submitted to the referenced address to be considered. All comments must be incorporated in the e-mail message because we may not be able to access attachments.

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code HCFA-4002-GNC-N. 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 Ave., SW., Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Phone: 202-690-7890).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Lathroum, (410) 786-7409; Rich Morrison, (410) 786-7142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1816 of the Social Security Act (the Act) authorizes us to enter into agreements with fiscal intermediaries to determine whether medical services are covered under Medicare and determine correct payment amounts. The intermediaries then make payments to the health care providers on behalf of the beneficiaries. Section 1816(f) of the Act requires us to develop criteria, standards, and procedures to evaluate an intermediary's performance of its functions under its agreement.

Section 1842 of the Act authorizes us to enter into contracts with carriers for the payment of Part B claims for Medicare-covered services. Under