

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Wendy A. Taylor, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

**Jane Harrison,**

*Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

This notice amends Part R of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) (60 FR 56605 as amended November 6, 1995, as last amended at 64 FR 31282, June 10, 1999). This notice reflects the reorganization of the Bureau of Health Professions (RP), Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation (RP9).

**Section RP-20—Function**

Delete the functional statement in its entirety and replace with the following:

*Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation*

The Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation (DVIC), on behalf of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), administers all statutory authorities related to the operation of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). Specifically: (1) Evaluates petitions for compensation filed under the VICP through medical review and assessment of compensability for all complete claims; (2) processes awards for compensation made under the VICP; (3) promulgates regulations to revise the Vaccine Injury Table; (4) provides professional and administrative support to the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV); (5) develops and maintains all automated information systems necessary for program implementation; (6) provides and disseminates program information; and (7) promotes safer childhood vaccines.

**Section RP-30 Delegations of Authority**

All delegations and redelegations of authority which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date thereof have been continued in effect in them or their successors pending further redelegations.

This reorganization is effective upon the date of signature.

Dated: June 24, 1999.

**Claude Earl Fox,**

*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Indian Health Service**

**Statement of Mission, Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority**

*Part G*, of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services, as amended at 60 FR 56606, November 9, 1995, and most recently amended at 61 FR 67048, December 19, 1996, is amended to reflect a realignment of the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service (AAIHS). The changes are as follows:

Delete the functional statements for the AAIHS in their entirety and replace with the following:

*Section GFA-00, Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service-Mission.* The Aberdeen IHS provides a comprehensive health services delivery system for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) with opportunity for maximum tribal involvement in developing and managing programs to meet their health needs. The goal of the Aberdeen Area IHS is to raise the health level of the AI/AN people to the highest possible level.

*Section GFA-10, Functions. Office of the Director (GFAA).* Provides overall direction and leadership for the AAIHS in accomplishing the mission of the Indian Health Service (IHS) by organizing the administrative and clinical activities in ways that are determined to appropriately deal with the epidemiological, social, cultural, geopolitical, and other such demographics peculiar to the service population.

*Office of the Administrative Support (GFAAB).* (1) Plans, coordinates, implements, and evaluates the administrative management support activities of the Aberdeen Area; (2) advises the Area Director on all matters relating to Area management and

administrative support activities; (3) provides guidance to the Area on financial management activities, including program policy interpretation in budget formulation and execution, preparation of program planning and budgeting data and financial management of grants and contracts; (4) participants and advises the Area Director on the allocation of the Area's personnel management resources and funding resources; (5) interprets policy and provides direction in the conduct of the Area's procurement, contracting and grants activities; and (6) maintains necessary liaison with various components of the IHS and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in furtherance of the AAIHS management activities.

*Division of Financial Resources (GFAAB1).* (1) Provides Area staff services in all financial management activities, current and long-range budget formulations and implementation, and establishes and maintains an approved financial accounting system; (2) provides all services necessary for preparation of formal budget estimates; (3) examines and analyses reports in order to project funds; (4) evaluates, examines, analyzes, and processes all accounting transactions to the various allowances and appropriations; (5) provides for posting documents to ADP input to generate the detailed allowance and general ledger reports for management use; and (6) provides all services for planning, directing, and coordinating the voucher examining functions.

*Budget Services Branch (GFAAB11).* Provides direction for the organization, coordination of execution of budget operations.

*Payroll Staff (GFAAB111).* Provides payroll services to the Aberdeen and Bemidji Areas including processing bi-weekly payroll, and payroll error corrections.

*Accounting Branch (GFAAB12).* Provides accounting services for the Aberdeen and Bemidji Areas concerned with the maintenance of accounting ledgers and records for the Health Accounting System (HAS).

*Accounts Payable Staff (GFAAB121).* (1) Provides fiscal accounting services for the Aberdeen and Bemidji Areas concerned with the maintenance of accounting ledgers and records for the HAS; and (2) provides services involving complex auditing and examining procedures of voucher payments including the Aberdeen and Bemidji Areas.

*Reports and Reconciliation Staff (GFAAB122).* Provides services to reconcile general and subsidiary ledgers