

pursuant to § 225.28(b)(9)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Comments on this application must be received by September 17, 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 30, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports; Notice of Establishment

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announces the establishment by the Secretary of the Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports.

The Panel shall review the assumptions and methods underlying the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund annual reports. The panel's review shall include the following four topics:

1. Medicare assumptions (e.g., utilization rates, medical price increases).
2. Projection methodology (how assumptions are used to make cost projections).
3. Long-range growth assumptions for HI and SMI.
4. Use of stochastic forecasting techniques.

The Panel shall terminate on August 12, 2001, unless the Secretary, DHHS, formally determines that continuance is in the public interest.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Margaret A. Hamburg,

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Public Health and Science; Announcement of Availability of Grant for Family Planning General Training

AGENCY: Office of Family Planning, OPA, OPHS, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Family Planning (OFP) of the Office of Population Affairs

(OPA) requests applications for a grant under the Family Planning Service Training Program authorized under section 1003 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. Funds are available to provide training, with a specific focus on male reproductive health, for personnel in OFP-funded family planning services projects. It is anticipated that one grantee will be funded to serve as the training site.

DATES: To receive consideration, applications must be received by the Office of Grants Management, Office of Population Affairs no later than October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from and applications must be submitted to the Grants Management Office, Office of Population Affairs, 4350 East-West Highway, Suite 200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Program Requirements: George Jones, Office of Family Planning, OPA, (301) 594-4014.

Administrative and Budgetary Requirements: Andrea Brandon, Office of Grants Management, OPA, (301) 594-6554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title X of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 300, *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for projects to provide training for family planning service personnel. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 93.260). This notice announces the availability of approximately \$450,000-\$475,000 in funding and solicits applications for one training project which will provide training for personnel providing family planning/reproductive health-related information and services specifically targeted to males served by family planning agencies throughout the United States.

Statutory and Regulatory Background:

Title X of the PHS Act, enacted by Pub. L. 91-572, authorizes programs related to family planning. The family planning services program authorized by section 1001 of Title X is required by law to provide family planning services, including education and counseling, to all persons desiring such services. Section 1003 of the Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary to make grants to entities to provide training for personnel to carry out the family planning service programs authorized by section 1001. Implementing regulations for family planning services training appear at 42 CFR part 59, subpart C. Prospective applicants should refer to the regulations in their entirety.

Purpose of the Grant

Within the last several years, Federal and provide sector programs have begun to focus more attention on male involvement in family planning and reproductive health-related issues, as evidenced by the President's Fatherhood Initiative, the Department of Health and Human Services' National Strategy to Reduce Teen Pregnancy, the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996," and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Research has shown that males are both interested in and want to play an active role in reproductive health decision-making, and that males will participate in reproductive health programs if they are offered in an appropriate manner. Recognizing the need for increased emphasis on male family planning/reproductive health services, in 1997 the Office of Family Planning began funding a number of community-based organizations to encourage the investigation and development of approaches that facilitate the provision of family planning/reproductive health-related information and services to males, and approaches that involve males in building community support for the prevention of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Currently, many of these projects are funded under section 1001 of the Act, as part of existing services projects funded under section 1001.

While it is now recognized that addressing male reproductive health needs is important, there is currently little in the published literature about the standard for providing reproductive health services for males. Most of what is currently known about male reproductive health and reproductive behavior has come from either small studies or from a few national surveys that were conducted on a one-time basis. Our current understanding about what types of communication are most effective in providing training to males and male-oriented organizations around issues of family planning/reproductive health is also severely limited.

There are a number of research efforts that are recent or are currently under way that will help us gain a clearer understanding of male sexual and reproductive behaviors and attitudes. This will aid us in identifying reproductive health care service standards and strategies for effectively providing services to males. An ongoing national survey, the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) collects some data on sexual behavior—among other health risk behaviors—for