

p.m., and on November 5, 1999, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Versailles Ballrooms I and II, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Nancy T. Cherry or Denise H. Royster, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-71), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-827-0314, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12391.

Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On November 4, 1999, the committee will discuss: (1) Ways to demonstrate attenuation of chimeric strains of Cytomegaloviral candidate vaccines to support proceeding into clinical trials, and (2) the safety data following a fifth successive dose of DTaP (Tripedia) manufactured by Connaught Laboratories, Inc. On November 5, 1999, the product license application for Wyeth Lederle Vaccines and Pediatrics' Pneumococcal 7-Valent Conjugate Vaccine (Diphtheria CRM197 protein) will be discussed for use in infants and young children. The committee will be asked to consider the safety and efficacy of this vaccine against prevention of invasive disease (bacteremia and meningitis) caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus).

Procedure: On November 4, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on November 5, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by October 28, 1999. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., and between approximately 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. on November 4, 1999. On November 5, 1999, the oral presentations will be scheduled from approximately 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., and from approximately 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before October 28, 1999, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentations.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On November 4, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from approximately 1:30 p.m. to 2

p.m., and on November 5, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). These portions of the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of pending investigational new drug applications or pending product licensing applications.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-5001-N]

Medicare Program; Establishment of the Health Care Financing Administration's Management Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), we are announcing the establishment of the Management Advisory Committee (MAC). The Secretary signed the charter establishing the MAC on September 24, 1999. The MAC will terminate on September 24, 2001, unless we formally determine that continuance is in the public interest.

The MAC will advise and make recommendations to us on issues of management and leadership practices, purchasing strategies, and ways to improve our overall performance, accountability, and operations. The MAC will not make recommendations regarding payment or coverage policy.

ADDRESSES: A request for a copy of the charter for the MAC should be submitted to Corinne Marvin, Office of Strategic Planning, Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Boulevard, C3-20-11, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850, (410) 786-4681, or by e-mail to mgtadvbrd@hcfa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Corinne Marvin, (410) 786-4681.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Legislative Authority

The Management Advisory Committee (MAC) is governed by provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formulation and use of advisory committees. We have found that the MAC is necessary and in the public interest.

The MAC consists of 11 appointed members from among nationally recognized authorities in academia, public and private sector health purchasing organizations, private consultants, and private sector businesses.

We will appoint members to a term of between 1 and 4 years, with 3 and 4 year appointments contingent on our decision that it is in the public interest to continue the MAC beyond the initial 2-year term described in the Charter. The MAC will provide recommendations to assist us in improving our management. The MAC will issue a report to us at the end of the 2-year charter on its findings and recommendations.

Authority: (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 99.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: October 13, 1999.

Michael M. Hash,

Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval of New Mexico Children's Health Insurance Program State Plan Amendment (SPA)

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

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing on December 8, 1999; at 10:00 a.m.; Eighth Floor; Conference Room 820; 1301 Young Street; Dallas, Texas 75202 to reconsider our decision to disapprove New Mexico SPA.

CLOSING DATE: Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by November 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stanley Katz, Presiding Officer, HCFA, C1-09-13, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Telephone: (410) 786-2661.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider our decision to disapprove New Mexico Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Phase II State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted on April 15, 1999.

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR Part 430 provide a State an opportunity for an administrative hearing for reconsideration of a disapproval of a State plan or plan amendment. Section 2107(e)(2)(B) of the Act makes these provisions applicable under Title XXI to CHIP State plans and plan amendments. Under these provisions, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) is required to publish a copy of the notice to the State that informs the State of the time and place of the hearing and the issues to be considered. If we subsequently notify the State of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice.

Any individual or group that wants to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization that wants to participate as *amicus curiae* must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants.

New Mexico submitted its State Plan for a Medicaid expansion program on May 19, 1998 and received HCFA approval for it on January 11, 1999. New Mexico submitted its SPA on April 15, 1999. The amendment provides for the State to furnish preventive and intervention services to all Medicaid eligible children under age 19. HCFA denied the amendment on July 8, 1999.

HCFA disapproved New Mexico's CHIP plan amendment because the State requested enhanced FFP in expenditures for preventive and intervention services furnished to children who would have been Medicaid eligible under New Mexico's Medicaid State Plan in effect on March 31, 1997. Under section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act, a State may receive enhanced FFP in expenditures for services provided through a Medicaid

expansion to "optional targeted low income children." Section 1905(u)(2)(B) excludes from the definition of "optional targeted low income child" any child who would have qualified for Medicaid under a state's Medicaid State plan in effect on March 31, 1997.

The issue to be considered at the hearing is whether a State may receive enhanced Federal financial participation in expenditures under CHIP for preventive and intervention services furnished to Medicaid eligible children under the age of 19, including children who would have been Medicaid eligible under New Mexico's Medicaid State Plan in effect on March 31, 1997.

The notice to New Mexico announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA reads as follows:

Mr. Charles Milligan,
*Director, Medical Assistance Division, New Mexico Human Services Department,
P.O. Box 2348, Santa Fe, New Mexico
87504-2348.*

Dear Mr. Milligan: I am responding to your request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove the New Mexico Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Phase II State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted on April 15, 1999.

HCFA disapproved New Mexico's CHIP plan amendment because the State requested enhanced FFP in expenditures for preventive and intervention services furnished to children who would have been Medicaid eligible under New Mexico's Medicaid State plan in effect on March 31, 1997. Under § 1905(b) of the Social Security Act, a State may receive enhanced FFP in expenditures for services provided through a Medicaid expansion to "optional targeted low income children." Section 1905(u)(2)(B) of the Act excludes from the definition of "optional targeted low income child" any child who would have qualified for Medicaid under a state's Medicaid State plan in effect on March 31, 1997.

I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on December 8, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.; Eighth Floor; Conference Room 820; 1301 Young Street; Dallas, Texas 75202. If this date is not acceptable, we would be glad to set another date that is mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed at 42 CFR, Part 430.

The issue to be considered at the hearing is whether a State may receive enhanced Federal financial participation in expenditures under CHIP for preventive and intervention services furnished to Medicaid eligible children under the age of 19, including children who would have been Medicaid eligible under New Mexico's Medicaid State Plan in effect on March 31, 1997.

I am designating Mr. Stanley Katz as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact the presiding officer. In order to facilitate any

communication which may be necessary between the parties to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing. The presiding officer may be reached at (410) 786-2661.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Hash,
Deputy Administrator.

cc: Mr. Stanley Katz

(Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. section 1316); 42 CFR section 430.18)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 13.714, Medicaid Assistance Program)

Dated: October 13, 1999.

Michael M. Hash,

Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) Application (OMB No. 0915-0150)—Revision

Under the Health Resources and Services Administration Faculty Loan Repayment Program, disadvantaged graduates from certain health professions schools may enter into a contract under which HRSA will make payments on eligible graduate educational loans in exchange for a minimum of two years of service as a full-time or part-time faculty member of a health professions school. Applicants must complete an application and provide information on all eligible education loans. Upon selection of