

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

participants, HRSA will request verification from their lenders of the

current loan balances and the schedule of their outstanding educational loans.

Annual burden estimates are as follows:

Respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Applicants	60	1	60	1	60
Lenders	100	1	100	.5	50
Total	160	160	110

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: October 13, 1999.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Meeting: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee (CFSCC).

Time and Date: Tuesday, November 2, 1999, 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 100 people.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey Building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will need to provide a photo ID and must know the subject and room number of the meeting in order to be admitted into the building. Visitors must use the Independence Avenue entrance.

Purpose: The Commission is charged with providing advice to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Commissioner, Social Security

Administration (SSA), to assure interagency coordination and communication regarding chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) research and other related issues; facilitating increased Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and agency awareness of CFS research and educational needs; developing complementary research programs that minimize overlap; identifying opportunities for collaborative and/or coordinated efforts in research and education; and developing informed responses to constituency groups regarding HHS and SSA efforts and progress.

Matters to be Discussed: Agency updates and a report on CDC's CFS Program. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Public Comments will be received at the meeting for a total of not more than 60 minutes. Persons wishing to make oral comments either in person or via a videotape should notify the contact person listed below no later than close of business on October 22, 1999. Individuals who have not previously provided testimony will be given preference. In the event that there are more requests than can be accommodated in the time available, a lottery system will be utilized to select speakers. Those selected will be notified on October 22, or soon thereafter.

If a selected individual is unable to deliver their testimony at the meeting or submit their video prior to the meeting, their testimony slot will be filed on a first come first served basis on the day of the meeting following an announcement soliciting substitutes by the Chair. Preference of those not previously providing testimony will apply. All testimony presented to the Committee on the day of the meeting will become part of the public record. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per person, whether on videotape or in person at the meeting. Copies of any written comments should be available for distribution to those attending the meeting; speakers should come with at least 50 copies.

Contact Person for More Information: Louise Garnett, Program Coordinator, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, NIAID, NIH, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Room 3266, Bethesda, MD 20892, telephone 301-496-1884, fax 301-480-4528.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

Dated: October 12, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: November 2, 1999.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Neuroscience Center, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Phillip F. Wiethorn, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892-9529, 301-496-9223.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel.