

Medicare-eligible retirees who are excluded from the contractor retail network and NMOP pharmacy systems.

### B. Description of Project

In response to the June 1998 GAO report, the FY 1999 Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261) directed DoD to develop a system-wide pharmacy redesign plan to and implement the system-wide redesigned benefit at two sites for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries.

An eligible beneficiary for the pharmacy redesign pilot program is a member or former member of the uniformed services as described in section 1074(b) of title 10; a dependent of the member described in section 1076(a)(2)(B) or 1076(b) of title 10; or a dependent of a member of the uniformed services who died while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days, who meets the following requirements: (a) 65 years of age or older, (b) entitled to Medicare Part A, (c) enrolled in Medicare Part B, (d) resides in an implementation area, and (e) the requirement to be enrolled in Medicare Part B shall not apply in the case of an individual who at the time of attaining the age of 65 lived within 100 miles of the catchment area of a military medical treatment facility.

The pharmacy redesign implementation will be evaluated by an independent entity outside the Department of Defense. The evaluation shall include: (a) an analysis of the cost of the pharmacy redesign implementation under TRICARE, and also to the eligible individuals who participate in the pilot program, (b) an assessment of the extent to which the implementation of such system satisfies the requirements of the eligible individuals for the health care services available under TRICARE, (c) an assessment of the effect, if any, on military medical readiness, (d) a description of the rate of participation, and (e) an evaluation of any other matters that the Department considers appropriate.

The DoD component responsible for the conduct of this project is the TRICARE Management Activity.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the DoD Healthcare Quality Initiative Review Panel

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** This notice cancels the DoD Healthcare Quality Initiative Review Panel meeting, which was originally scheduled for April 27, 2000. A closed executive/administrative meeting has been scheduled for May 23, 2000, for Panel members and support staff only.

**SUMMARY:** This notice set forth the meeting of the DoD Healthcare Quality Initiatives Review Panel. Notice of meeting is required under The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

**DATES:** May 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202.

**TIME:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information please contact Gia Edmonds at (703) 933-8325.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Unconventional Nuclear Warfare Defense will meet in closed session on April 25-26, 2000, at Sandia National Laboratories, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM, and June 8-9, 2000, tentatively at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 500, Arlington, VA. This Task Force will determine the adequacy of DoD's ability to detect, identify, respond, and prevent unconventional nuclear attacks by terrorists or subnational entities, and the appropriate role(s) and capability of DoD to provide protection against unconventional nuclear attacks in support of homeland defense.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology &

Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate the Department's ability to provide information.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 9, 2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5)