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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR part 225) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than July 14, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer)
230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago,
Illinois 60690-1414:

1. Byron Bancshares, Inc., Byron, Illinois; to continue to engage de novo through its subsidiary, Byron Bank Financial Services, Byron, Illinois, in

the sale of mutual funds pursuant to § 225.28(b)(7)(i) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 23, 2000.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Projects

1. National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey—(0920-0234)—Revision—(NCHS)—The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) was conducted annually from 1973 to 1981, again in 1985, and resumed as an annual survey in 1989. It is directed by the Division of Health Care Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The purpose of NAMCS is to meet the needs and demands for statistical information about the provision of ambulatory medical care services in the United States.

Ambulatory services are rendered in a wide variety of settings, including physicians' offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments. The NAMCS target population consists of all office visits within the United States made by ambulatory patients to non-Federal, office-based physicians

(excluding those in the specialties of anesthesiology, radiology, and pathology) who are engaged in direct patient care. Since more than 80 percent of all direct ambulatory medical care visits occur in physicians' offices, the NAMCS provides data on the majority of ambulatory medical care services. To complement these data, in 1992 NCHS initiated the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS, OMB No. 0920-0278) to provide data concerning patient visits to hospital outpatient and emergency departments. The NAMCS, together with the NHAMCS, constitute the ambulatory component of the National Health Care Survey (NHCS) and will provide coverage of more than 90 percent of ambulatory medical care.

The NAMCS provides a range of baseline data on the characteristics of the users and providers of ambulatory medical care. Data collected include the patients' demographic characteristics and reason(s) for visit, and the physicians' diagnosis(es) and diagnostic services, medications and disposition. These data, together with trend data, may be used to monitor the effects of change in the health care system, provide new insights into ambulatory medical care, and stimulate further research on the use, organization, and delivery of ambulatory care.

Users of NAMCS data include, but are not limited to, congressional and other federal government agencies such as NIH and FDA, state and local governments, medical schools, schools of public health, colleges and universities, private businesses, nonprofit foundations and corporations, professional associations, as well as individual practitioners, researchers, administrators and health planners. Uses vary from the inclusion of a few selected statistics in a large research effort, to an in-depth analysis of the entire NAMCS data set covering several years.

To calculate the burden hours, the number of respondents for NAMCS is based on a sample of 6,000 physicians with a 50 percent participation rate (this includes physicians who are out-of-scope as well as those who refuse). The total annualized burden is estimated to be 11,225 hours.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Induction—eligible	4,500	1	20/60	1,500
Induction—ineligible	1,500	1	5/60	125
Patient Record	4,500	30	4/60	9,000

Respondents	No. of re- spondents	No. of re- sponses/re- spondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Nonresponse Studies	600	1	60/60	600
Total				11,225

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Proposed Projects

1. Survey of Laboratory Practices for Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb NAA)—New—As part of the continuing effort to support public health objectives of treatment, disease prevention and

surveillance programs, the Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) seeks to collect information from both public health and private sector laboratories performing nucleic acid amplification tests for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB) infection has reemerged as a significant public health concern in the United States. Since TB is easily transmitted, early detection of infection is imperative for control and prevention. CDC guidelines have advocated the use of the acid-fast bacilli smear (AFB), followed by culture, to confirm a diagnosis of tuberculosis. However, research and development have led to the design and marketing of nucleic acid amplification-based methods for the rapid detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb) directly from clinical sputum specimens. Since the FDA approval of two commercial M.tb NAA, CDC has become keenly interested in the analytic accuracy and clinical utility of these tests, especially from the standpoint of early detection and control of tuberculosis.

Literature reports indicate variability in sensitivities, specificities, and predictive values for M.tb NAA, depending on the experimental design, the population being studied, and the test methodology. Overall, both sensitivity and specificity are reported to be relatively high compared with AFB smear and culture results. However, there are several important potential sources of error including contamination problems inherent to

nucleic acid technology, cross-contamination with other mycobacteria, sub-optimal laboratory practices, and unknown factors. The use of M.tb NAA tests for rapidly diagnosis may be useful for controlling TB, particularly in high prevalence populations. However, the clinical utility and efficacy of M.tb NAA tests remains in question. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the analytical accuracy and clinical validity of the tests, the potential sources of error, and the subsequent potential expense of incorrect treatment.

The goal of the proposed project is to collect laboratory practice data, in conjunction with performance data, through a survey administered to current participants in the CDC's M.tb NAA Performance Evaluation Program, to determine if laboratory practices are associated with the risk of errors in these tests. Information collected in the survey will be on test methods, quality assurance, quality control and reporting practices, and test utilization. The survey will also collect demographic information regarding the types of laboratories where testing is performed. CDC will use this data as a primary source of critical information to develop laboratory guidelines and recommendations for performance and utilization of M.tb NAA tests. The benefit of this data and the subsequent recommendations to public health will be the utilization of enhanced testing practices in the control and elimination of *M. tuberculosis* infection in the United States. The total annualized burden is estimated to be 55 hours.

Respondents	No. of re- spondents	No. of re- sponses/re- spondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Laboratories	110	1	30/60	55
Total				55