

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration****Food Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

*Name of Committee:* Food Advisory Committee.

*General Function of the Committee:* To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

*Date and Time:* The meeting will be held on September 26, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and September 27, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Location:* Hilton Towers (Ballston Metro Stop), Gallery I and II, 950 North Stafford St., Arlington, VA.

*Contact Person:* Catherine M. DeRoeever, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-6), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4251, FAX 202-205-4970, or e-mail: cderoeever@cfsan.fda.gov., or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 10564. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

*Agenda:* On September 26 and 27, 2000, the committee will meet to discuss existing information and needs with respect to probiotics.

*Procedure:* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee (such as the use of probiotics in foods, probiotics and the immune system, probiotics and infants, etc). Written submissions may be made to the contact person by September 20, 2000. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on September 26, 2000. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before September 20, 2000, 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 presentation.

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

Dated: August 29, 2000.

**Linda A. Suydam,**  
*Senior Associate Commissioner.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Care Financing Administration**

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

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Skilled Nursing Facility Cost Report and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.20 and 413.24; *Form No.:* HCFA-2540 (OMB 0938-0463); *Use:* Form HCFA-2540-96 is the form used by skilled nursing facilities participating in the Medicare program. This form reports the health care costs used to determine the amount of reimbursable costs for services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 15,700; *Total Annual Responses:* 15,706; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,943,200.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the

proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

**John P. Burke III,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Care Financing Administration**

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

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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*Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Hospital and Health Care Complex Cost Report and