of antimicrobical drugs and to identify areas for more detailed investigation.

The NARMS program is designed as two nearly identical parts: an animal arm and a human arm. Animal-origin enteric isolate susceptibility testing is conducted at the USDA, Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) Russell Research Center in Athens, Georgia. Sources of nationwide animal-origin isolates are: (1) Raw product collected from federally inspected slaughter and processing plants, (2) clinical specimens from the National Veterinary Sevices Laboratory and Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Sentinel Sites, (3) healthy farm-animal isolates from USDA National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) studies, and (4) on-farm studies conducted by ARS. Human-origin isolates are submitted by 17 State and local Departments of Health for testing that is conducted at the National Center for Infectious Disease, CDC, in Atlanta, Georgia. The participating human sites currently include: California (CA); Colorado; Connecticut; Florida; Georgia; Kansas; Los Angeles, CA; Maryland; Minnesota; Massachusetts; New Jersey; New York City; New York State; Oregon; Tennessee; Washington; and West Virginia. Animal and human isolates currently monitored in NARMS are non-typhoid *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Enterococci*. Human isolates also include *Salmonella typhi* and *Shigella*. *Listeria* and *Vibrio* will be added to the list of human isolates in 2001.

The CDC/NCID and USDA/ARS provide the NARMS results annually in comprehensive summary reports. These reports are available on the CDC and FDA/CVM web sites. Additionally periodic public meetings are held to present NARMS results and provide a forum for presentation of other related antimicrobial resistance research.

## II. Submission of Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this meeting by January 29, 2001. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy, or by fax to 301–827–6870. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in the brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 17, 2000.

**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

### Food Safety Risk Analysis Clearinghouse; Data Quality Objectives; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public meeting cosponsored by the interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (RAC) and the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN). The purpose of this public meeting is to encourage discussion and gain input from the public and professionals on data quality issues as they relate to the Food Safety Risk Analysis Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse).

*Date and Time:* The public meeting will be held on December 5, 2000, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

*Location:* The public meeting will be held at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Grand Ballroom Salons F and G, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

*Contact:* Wesley R. Long, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–6), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–205–4024, FAX 301–935–0149, or email: wlong@cfsan.fda.gov.

*Registration:* None required.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Risk assessment generally characterizes the nature and magnitude of the risks associated with hazards to human health. A risk assessment provides an opportunity to organize scientific information and helps to clarify the necessary assumptions and degree of scientific certainty of the data used in the risk assessment. Risk assessments require specific information on the hazard and on the exposed populations to provide meaningful information to public health officials; a risk assessment may be considered in the development of risk-management decisions. Although data quality objectives have been developed for assessments of chemical risk, quality objectives for data addressing foodborne microbial pathogens are far less developed.

RAC, which includes members from Federal agencies that have responsibilities for food safety risk analysis, was established under the President's Food Safety Initiative to advance the science of food safety risk assessment and to assist agencies in fulfilling their specific food safety regulatory mandates. The RAC also advises the Clearinghouse, an Internet based resource of food safety risk data and risk assessments.

The Clearinghouse has been developed by JIFSAN, which is a major component of the FDA food safety program's integration with academic institutions to create intellectual partnerships. JIFSAN includes research and outreach components from the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, the Center for Veterinary Medicine, the University of Maryland (UMD), the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at UMD, and others. JIFSAN provides a neutral environment in which experts from industry, consumer and trade groups, international organizations, government, and academia can pool their resources and ideas to provide the scientific base for the development of sound public health policy.

Consistent with the goals of RAC and JIFSAN, an open public meeting will be held on data quality issues. The RAC and JIFSAN are seeking input to further the ability of the Clearinghouse to serve as a reliable data resource for use by researchers, industry, and international, Federal and State agencies. The main topic at this meeting will be data quality for microbiological and antimicrobial risk analyses. The draft agenda includes brief presentations on the RAC and the Clearinghouse followed by speakers from the Society of Risk Analysis (SRA) and international organizations. Public comment and discussion will follow the presentations.

This public meeting is being held in conjunction with the annual SRA meeting to leverage access by the RAC to an audience of risk analysis professionals. The meeting is also open to the public, and opportunity for public comment will be provided.

More information about the meeting site is available on the Internet at http://www.sra.org. The meeting agenda and summary will be posted at http://www.foodriskclearinghouse.umd.edu. The agenda posted on this Internet site will identify the specific time set aside for public comment.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

**[Document Identifier: HCFA–R–250]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Resident Assessment MDS Data and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.343 and 424.32; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–250 (OMB# 0938–0739); *Use:* Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) are required to submit Resident Assessment Data as described at 42 CFR 483.20 in the manner necessary to administer the payment rate methodology described in 42 CFR 413.337. The current requirements related to the submission and retention of resident assessment data for specified days following admission, necessary to administer the payment rate methodology described in 413.337, are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act; *Frequency:* Monthly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 17,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 204,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 5,551,298.

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, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

**John P. Burke, III,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

### Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of December 2000.

*Name:* Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry.

*Date and Time:* December 7, 2000, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; December 8, 2000; 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

*Place:* The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, NW., Washington, D.C. 20005.

The meeting is open to the public.

*Purpose:* The Advisory Committee shall (1) provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary concerning policy and program development and other matters of significance concerning activities under section 747 of the Public Health Service Act; and (2) prepare and submit to the Secretary, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (formerly the Committee on Labor and Human Resources) of the Senate, and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives a report describing the activities of the Advisory Committee, including findings and recommendations made by the Committee concerning the activities under section 747 of the PHS Act. The Advisory Committee will meet twice each year and submit its first report to the Secretary and the Congress by November 2001.

*Agenda:* Discussion of the focus of the programs and activities authorized under section 747 of the Public Health Service Act. Review the work completed to date by the two workgroups. Address funding issues and recommendations for the future. Finalization of an outline and specific content areas to be included in the Committee's first report.

Anyone interested in obtaining a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information should write or contact Dr. Stan Bastacky, Deputy Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry, Parklawn Building, Room 9A–21, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, phone (301) 443–6326, e-mail *sbastacky@hrsa.gov.* The web address for the Advisory Committee is *http://158.72.83.3/bhpr/dm/new__advisory __committee__on __primar.htm.*

Dated: November 21, 2000.

**James J. Corrigan,**

*Associate Administrator for Management and Program Support.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

### Office of the Director; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. Law 92–463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH.

The entire meeting will be open to the public as indicated below,with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

*Name of Committee:* Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH.

*Date:* December 7, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* The topics proposed for discussion include but are not limited to: (1) sharing biomedical research resources; (2) a status of guidelines on research using stem cells; (3) implementation of recommendation of ACD on the Office of Medical Applications of Research; and (4) a report of the Working Group on Extramural Construction.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

*Contact:* Ms. Janice C. Ramsden, Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Director, NIH, National Institutes of Health, Building 1, Room 333, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, *jr52h@nih.gov,* Telephone: (301) 496–0959.