A poster session featuring all areas of FDA regulatory science will be presented to provide an opportunity for interested scientists to engage in information exchange with FDA scientists. The session topics to be discussed include the following:

1. Health Informational Privacy: Individual Right or Public Good;
2. Modeling and Simulation for Transdisciplinary Collaboration: The Boeing 777 Story;
3. Perspectives on Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest, and Privacy Issues Surrounding the Advancing Science of Gene Therapy;
4. Modeling and Simulation Across Pharmaceutical Boundaries;
5. Privacy and Confidentiality Issues in Registries and in Outcomes/Epidemiology Research;
6. Modeling and Simulation in Clinical Product Development for the New Millennium;
7. Scientific, Privacy, and Ethical Issues Surrounding the Advancing Science Genetic Predisposition for Breast Cancer;
8. Modeling and Simulation: The Path to the Future;
9. Scientific Training Outside the Boundaries;
10. Next Generation Leveraging;
11. Public Health Preparedness for Bioterrorism: Why Leveraging is Essential;
12. Partnering Across the Boundaries;
13. Global Partnering: Mutual Recognition Agreements and How They Affect You.

The science forum is cosponsored by FDA's Office of Science Coordination and Communication, AOAC International, and FDA's Chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the AOAC International at least 3 weeks in advance.

Dated: January 4, 2001.

Ann M. Witt,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices 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). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices 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 January 29, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Marriott Washingtonian Center, Salons A, B, and C, 9751 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Elisa D. Harvey, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ–470), Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301–594–1180, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 12524. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss, make recommendations, and vote on a premarket approval application for an endometrial ablation device.

Procedure: On January 29, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by January 19, 2001. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between approximately 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before January 19, 2001, 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.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On January 29, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the meeting will be closed to the public to permit FDA to present to the committee trade secret and/or confidential commercial information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)) regarding pending and future device issues.

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

Dated: December 28, 2000.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA–10021]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, DHHS.

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 Request: New collection;

Title of Information Collection: Collection of data on Hospital Outpatient Encounters from Medicare+Choice Programs;

Form Number: HCFA–10021 (OMB approval #: 0938–NEW);

Use: HCFA requires hospital outpatient encounter data from Medicare+Choice organizations to develop and implement a risk adjustment payment methodology as required by the Balance Budget Act of 1997;

Frequency: Monthly;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 300;

Total Annual Responses: 12,600;

Total Annual Hours Requested: 60,375.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web