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Dated: December 12, 2001.

Rebecca B. O'Kelley,

Chief, International Grants and Contracts Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.

Times and Dates:

8:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m., January 15, 2002,
8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., January 16, 2002.

Place: Hilton Crystal City Hotel, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, telephone 703/418-6800.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 90 people.

Purpose: The Committee shall provide advice and guidance to the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, CDC, regarding new scientific knowledge and technological developments and their practical implications for childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts. The Committee shall also review and report regularly on childhood lead poisoning prevention practices and recommend improvements in national childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include: Updates on Primary Prevention issues, Medicaid Targeted Screening issues, Case Management issues, MMWR Publication Process, Presentations on Milwaukee's Community-Based Environmental Intervention Strategies, National Survey of Lead and Allergens in Housing, and Discussion of Charge for Workgroup Reviewing Evidence of Adverse Effects of

Lead. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Opportunities will be provided during the meeting for oral comments. Depending on the time available and the number of requests, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

Contact Person for More Information:

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: December 10, 2001.

John Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval of Missouri State Plan Amendment (SPA) 92-33

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider the decision to disapprove Missouri SPA 92-33 on January 23, 2002, at 10 a.m., Richard Bolling Federal Building; Plaza Room 664; 601 East Twelfth Street; Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2808.

CLOSING DATES: Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by January 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scully-Hayes, Office of Hearings, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Suite L 2520 Lord Baltimore Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-2670, Telephone: (410) 786-2055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider our decision to disapprove Missouri SPA 92-33.

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR part 430 establish HHS procedures that provide an administrative hearing for

reconsideration of a disapproval of a State plan or plan amendment. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is required to publish a copy of the notice to a state Medicaid agency that informs the agency of the time and place of the hearing and the issues to be considered. If we subsequently notify the agency of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice. Any individual or group that wants to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization that wants to participate as *amicus curiae* must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants.

The issue is whether the provisions of section 1923(f)(1)(A) of the Act and regulations at 42 CFR 447.296(b)(6) would permit the State to increase disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments under this State plan amendment submitted after September 30, 1991. Missouri submitted SPA 92-33 on November 18, 1991, as part of SPA 91-50. This amendment would provide for an additional payment to 10 DSH hospitals that have the highest Medicaid utilization in the State and had a high volume of nursery and neonatal care days.

Under the Medicaid Voluntary Contribution and Provider Specific Tax Amendments of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-234), which added section 1923(f)(1)(A) of the Act and the Federal regulation at 42 CFR 447.296(b)(6), the State cannot increase DSH payments to hospitals based on amendments submitted after September 30, 1991, for payments made during the period January 1, 1992, through September 30, 1992, except in very limited circumstances. The reason for this moratorium on DSH payments was so CMS could determine a state's base DSH allotments for an annual period beginning in Federal fiscal year 1993.

The additional DSH payment included in this amendment is not within the statutory exception for payments under certain SPAs submitted to the Secretary between September 30, 1991, and November 26, 1991. This exception applies only to an amendment that designates only DSHs with a Medicaid or low-income utilization percentage at or above the statewide arithmetic mean. In

regulations at 42 CFR 447.296(b), the Secretary has interpreted this exception to apply only when the amendment is intended to limit the state's overall definition of DSH to those specified hospitals.

While the additional DSH payment meets the timing criteria for this exception (it was submitted on November 18, 1991, as part of SPA 91-50), it was not intended to limit the State's overall definition of DSHs to those with a Medicaid or low-income utilization percentage at or below the statewide arithmetic mean. This provision did not concern the designation of DSHs at all, but only concerned the payment rate for some already designated hospitals. It provided for a 10-percent additional payment to certain hospitals otherwise designated and receiving DSH payments. Therefore, CMS found this exception not to apply, and disapproved Missouri SPA 92-33.

The notice to Missouri announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA reads as follows:

Ms. Dana Katherine Martin, Director,
Department of Social Services, Broadway
State Office Building, P.O. Box 1527,
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Ms. Martin:

I am responding to your request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove Missouri State Plan Amendment (SPA) 92-33.

The issue is whether the provisions of section 1923(f)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and regulations at 42 CFR 447.296(b)(6) would permit the State to increase disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments under this State plan amendment submitted after September 30, 1991. Missouri submitted SPA 92-33 on November 18, 1991, as part of SPA 91-50. This amendment would provide for an additional payment to 10 DSH hospitals that have the highest Medicaid utilization in the State and had a high volume of nursery and neonatal care days.

Under the Medicaid Voluntary Contribution and Provider Specific Tax Amendments of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-234), which added section 1923 (f)(1)(A) of the Act and the Federal regulation at 42 CFR 447.296(b)(6), the State cannot increase DSH payments to hospitals based on amendments submitted after September 30, 1991, for payments made during the period January 1, 1992, through September 30, 1992, except in very limited circumstances. The reason for this moratorium on DSH payments was so CMS could determine a state's base DSH allotments for an annual period beginning in Federal fiscal year 1993.

The additional DSH payment included in this amendment is not within the statutory exception for payments under certain SPAs submitted to the Secretary between September 30, 1991, and November 26, 1991. This exception applies only to an

amendment that designates only DSHs with a Medicaid or low-income utilization percentage at or above the statewide arithmetic mean. In regulations at 42 CFR 447.296(b), the Secretary has interpreted this exception to apply only when the amendment is intended to limit the state's overall definition of DSH to those specified hospitals.

While the proposed amendment meets the timing criteria for this exception (it was submitted on November 18, 1991, as part of SPA 91-50), it does not meet the substantive criteria for this exception. The proposed amendment does not limit the State's overall definition of DSHs to those with a Medicaid or low-income utilization percentage at or below the statewide arithmetic mean. This provision did not concern the designation of DSHs at all, but only concerned the payment rate for some already designated hospitals. It provided for a 10-percent additional payment to certain hospitals otherwise designated and receiving DSH payments. Therefore, CMS found this exception not to apply, and disapproved Missouri SPA 92-33.

I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on January 23, 2002, at 10:00 a.m.; Richard Bolling Federal Building; Plaza Room 664; 601 East Twelfth Street; Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2808.

If this date is not acceptable, we would be glad to set another date that is mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed at 42 CFR, Part 430.

I am designating Ms. Kathleen Scully-Hayes as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact the presiding officer. In order to facilitate any communication which may be necessary between the parties to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing. The presiding officer may be reached at (410) 786-2055.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Scully.

(Sec. 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1316); 42 CFR 430.18).
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Dated: December 10, 2001.

Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Hearing: Reconsideration of Disapproval of Missouri State Plan Amendment 91-50

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider the decision to disapprove Missouri State Plan Amendment 91-50, on January 23, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Richard Bolling Federal Building; Plaza Room 664; 601 East Twelfth Street; Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2808.

CLOSING DATES: Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by January 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scully-Hayes, Office of Hearings, CMS, Suite L, 2520 Lord Baltimore Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-2670, Telephone: (410)-786-2055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces an administrative hearing to reconsider the decision to disapprove Missouri State Plan Amendment (SPA) 91-50.

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and 42 CFR part 430 establish Department procedures that provide an administrative hearing for reconsideration of a disapproval of a State plan or plan amendment. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) is required to publish a copy of the notice to a state Medicaid agency that informs the agency of the time and place of the hearing and the issues to be considered. If we subsequently notify the agency of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice.

Any individual or group that wants to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization that wants to participate as *amicus curiae* must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants.

The issue is whether this amendment proposed a retroactive effective date that is not consistent with law for an additional disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payment to the 10 highest Medicaid utilization hospitals in the State that had a high volume of nursery and neonatal care days. This SPA was submitted on November 18, 1991, with a proposed effective date of October 21, 1991.

Under the Medicaid Voluntary Contribution and Provider Specific Tax