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Director, Acquisition Policy Division

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Government Travel and Transportation Policy; National Travel Forum 2002

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is announcing that it will hold the National Travel Forum 2002: Excellence in Government Travel and Transportation (NTF 2002) on June 17-20, 2002, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Nearly 1,500 travel, transportation and other professionals within Federal, State, and local governments, as well as the private sector will attend. Much of the focus will be on travel and transportation safety, electronic travel, the Federal Premier Lodging Program and revised travel rules. Also included will be best practices in Government travel and transportation, retirement of the Government Bill of Lading (GBL) and adoption of Commercial Bills of Lading (CBLs), implementation of order entry systems and unique numbering systems, promotional items, as well as a full range of other travel and transportation topics. To attend, exhibit, or hold an agencywide meeting, visit the web site at www.nationaltravel2002.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Groat, Federal Travel Regulation, Office of Governmentwide Policy, at (202) 501-4318, or by e-mail to jane.groat@gsa.gov.

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Timothy J. Burke,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Modified or Altered System

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration).

ACTION: Notice of modified or altered System of Records (SOR).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, we are proposing to modify or alter an SOR, 'Long Term Care-Minimum Data Set' (LTCMDS), System No. 09-70-1516. We propose to assign a different CMS sequential identification number this system to correct the inadvertent publication of 2 CMS systems with the same system identifying number. The new identifying number for this system should read: System No. 09-70-1517. We propose to broaden the purpose to include the administration of payment for hospital swing bed services. To assist in this purpose, we will add a new routine use to permit certain disclosures to national accrediting organizations. We will also delete published routine use number 2 pertaining to the "Bureau of the Census," number 5 pertaining to contractors, number 6 pertaining to an agency of a state government or an agency established by state law, number 7 pertaining to another Federal agency, number 8 pertaining to certain contractors, and numbers 9, 10, and 11 pertaining to disclosures to combat fraud and abuse in certain health benefits programs.

Routine use number 2 unnecessarily duplicated Exception 4 of the Privacy Act allowing release of data to the Bureau of the Census. Disclosures authorized under published routine use number 5 will be permitted by proposed routine use number 1. Disclosures permitted under routine uses number 6, and 7 will be made a part of proposed routine use number 2. The scope of routine use number 2 will be broadened to allow for release of information to "another Federal and/or state agency, agency of a state government, an agency established by state law, or its fiscal agent." Disclosures authorized under published routine use number 8 will be permitted by proposed routine use number 4 authorizing release to Peer Review Organizations (PRO). We propose to delete routine use number 11

and modify routine uses number 9 and 10 to combat fraud and abuse in certain Federally funded health care programs.

The security classification previously reported as "None" will be modified to reflect that the data in this system is considered to be "Level Three Privacy Act Sensitive." We are modifying the language in the remaining routine uses to provide clarity to CMS's intention to disclose individual-specific information contained in this system. The routine uses will then be prioritized and reordered according to their usage. We will also take the opportunity to update any sections of the system that were affected by the recent reorganization and to update language in the administrative sections to correspond with language used in other CMS SORs.

The primary purpose of the system is to aid in the administration of the survey and certification, and payment of Medicare Long Term Care services, which include skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), nursing facilities (NFs) SNFs/ NFs, and hospital swing beds, and to study the effectiveness and quality of care given in those facilities.

Information in this system will also be used to: (1) Support regulatory, reimbursement, and policy functions performed within the Agency or by a contractor or consultant; (2) another Federal or state agency, agency of a state government, an agency established by state law, or its fiscal agent; (3) Peer Review Organizations (PRO); (4) other insurers for processing individual insurance claims; (5) facilitate research on the quality and effectiveness of care provided, as well as payment related projects; (6) support constituent requests made to a congressional representative; (7) support litigation involving the Agency; (8) combat fraud and abuse in certain health benefits programs, and (10) national accrediting organizations. We have provided background information about the modified system in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Although the Privacy Act requires only that CMS provide an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the proposed routine uses, CMS invites comments on all portions of this notice. See **EFFECTIVE DATES** section for comment period.

Effective Dates: CMS filed a modified or altered system report with the Chair of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on February 7, 2002. To ensure that all parties have adequate time in which to comment, the modified or