

are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. Please note that if we receive adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: May 9, 2002.

**Alexis Strauss,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 141

[FRL-7247-6]

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#### Announcement of Preliminary Regulatory Determinations for Priority Contaminants on the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a document in the *Federal Register* of June 3, 2002, announcing the preliminary regulatory determinations for priority contaminants on the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List. EPA inadvertently included the incorrect docket number in the **ADDRESSES** section. The correct docket number is W-01-03.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harriet T. Corbett-Colbert, 202-564-4698.

#### Correction

The **ADDRESSES** caption in the *Federal Register* document of June 3, 2002, Vol. 67, No. 106, page 38223, first column, should have read:

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your comments to the W-01-03 Comments Clerk. Submit electronic comments to: *ow-docket@epa.gov*. Written comments should be mailed to: Water Docket (MC-

4101), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries should be delivered to EPA's Water Docket at East Tower Basement (EB Room 57), Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. You may contact the docket at (202) 260-3027 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. Comments may be submitted electronically. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for file formats and other information about electronic filing and docket review.

This correction notice will not extend the comment period. The comment period ends on August 2, 2002. All comments received under the incorrect docket number will be directed to the appropriate Comments Clerk.

Dated: July 11, 2002.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

#### 42 CFR Chapter IV

[CMS-1227-N]

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#### Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on the Outcome Assessment Information Set (OASIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a town hall meeting to discuss and obtain general comments from the public about the items contained in the OASIS home health assessment instrument. Specifically, the meeting will attempt to elicit the individual comments and experiences of home health stakeholders in using the OASIS and any burden associated with its completion, and their comments about the necessity of individual assessment items. Beneficiaries, providers, physicians, home health agencies and industry representatives, encoding specialists, and other interested parties are invited to this meeting to present their individual views on these issues. We will consider the individual opinions provided during this meeting as we proceed with our efforts to update the

OASIS assessment instrument and reduce the burden of OASIS data collection by home health care providers. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to space available.

**DATE: Meeting Date:** The town hall meeting announced in this notice will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (eastern standard time).

**ADDRESSES:** The town hall meeting will be held in the auditorium at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katie Laschinger, 410-786-2119. You may also send inquiries about this meeting via e-mail to *KLaschinger@cms.hhs.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

On June 10, 2002, the Secretary of Health and Human Services announced the launching of a new effort to streamline Medicare's paperwork requirements for home health nurses and therapists so that they can focus more on providing quality care to their patients.

The action is one of several steps announced to address interim recommendations from the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform. Secretary Thompson created the panel of consumers, physicians, and other health care professionals to help guide HHS' broader efforts to streamline unnecessarily burdensome or inefficient regulations that interfere with the quality of health care for Americans.

Since 1999, Medicare has required home health agencies to complete the OASIS (Outcome Assessment Information Set) at regular intervals both to ensure Medicare pays appropriately and to assess and improve the quality of care provided by the home health agency. Committee members, however, made several recommendations for streamlining the assessment to achieve those goals more efficiently, allowing home health agencies to spend more resources providing care to their patients.

Acting on the committee's recommendations to date, we have already taken steps to revise the OASIS form and its use, and will begin implementation of the changes. These changes will be described at the OASIS town hall meeting. We are now interested in providing interested parties with the opportunity to propose additional changes to OASIS as part of