

during emergencies; develops national WMD response capable DMATs; improves the communications infrastructure to support DMAT deployments; works with the Department of Veterans Affairs to assure appropriate pharmaceutical availability, especially for WMD incidents; and establishes Medical Support Units at the site of emergencies.

c. The Division of Administration and Support (ANC3). The Division of Administration and Support (DAS) is responsible for OER budget execution and formulation, personnel and procurement actions, as well as other administrative activities. To accomplish these tasks, DAS works with the OASPHEP Operations Officer, the Office of the Secretary Executive Office (OSEO) and OER Division Directors to develop solutions to administrative related problems and to develop more effective and efficient administrative support for accomplishing OER activities. DAS also provides staff support for the OASPHEP Operations Officer in coordinating cross-cutting activities, such as, the management of Regional Emergency Coordinator Work Plans and Regional Advice of Allowance.

4. Secretary's Emergency Operations Center (AND). The Secretary's Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is the focal point of a secure command, control, and communications system to support the HHS Secretary and overall needs of the Department in the prevention, response and mitigation activities during major national security mobilizations such as a bioterrorism event. The SEOC ensures that all HHS emergency operations centers, emergency response teams, and other critical emergency personnel located throughout HHS are linked to the Secretary.

III. Continuation of Policy: Except as inconsistent with this reorganization, all statements of policy and interpretations with respect to the Office of Public Health Preparedness (AAB) and the Office of Emergency Preparedness (ACK) Office of the Secretary, heretofore issued and in effect prior to the date of this reorganization are continued to full force and effect.

IV. Delegations of Authority: All delegations and redelegations of authority made to officials and employees of affected organizational components will continue in them or their successors pending further redelegation, provided they are consistent with this reorganization.

V. Funds, Personnel and Equipment: Transfer of organizations and functions affected by this reorganization shall be

accompanied in each instance by direct and support funds, positions, personnel, records, equipment, supplies and other resources.

Dated: July 22, 2002.

Tommy G. Thompson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program: Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education—September 26, 2002

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 10(a) (Pub. L. 92-463), this notice announces a meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) on September 26, 2002. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Medicare program. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.d.s.t.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: September 19, 2002, 12 noon, e.d.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20001, (202) 638-1616.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Caliman, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Partnership Development, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, S2-23-05, Baltimore, MD, 21244-1850, (410) 786-5052. Please refer to the CMS Advisory Committees Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet (<http://www.hcfa.gov/events/apme/homepage.htm>) for additional information and updates on committee activities, or contact Ms. Caliman via E-

mail at ncaliman@cms.hhs.gov. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), as amended, grants to the Secretary the authority to establish an advisory panel if the Secretary finds the panel necessary and in the public interest. The Secretary signed the charter establishing this Panel on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7849) and approved the renewal of the charter on January 18, 2001. The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Medicare program.

The goals of the Panel are as follows:

- To develop and implement a national Medicare education program that describes the options for selecting a health plan under Medicare.
- To enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships.
- To expand outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities, in the context of a national Medicare education program.
- To assemble an information base of best practices for helping consumers evaluate health plan options and build a community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

The current members of the Panel are: Dr. Jane Delgado, Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Hispanic Health; Joyce Dubow, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Policy Institute, AARP; Timothy Fuller, Executive Director, National Gray Panthers; John Graham IV, Chief Executive Officer, American Diabetes Association; Dr. William Hagggett, Senior Vice President, Government Programs, Independence Blue Cross; Thomas Hall, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cardio-Kinetics, Inc.; David Knutson, Director, Health System Studies, Park Nicollet Institute for Research and Education; Brian Lindberg, Executive Director, Consumer Coalition for Quality Health Care; Katherine Metzger, Director, Medicare and Medicaid Programs, Fallon Community Health Plan; Dr. Laurie Powers, Co-Director, Center on Self-Determination, Oregon Health Sciences University; Dr. Marlon Priest, Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Dr. Susan Reinhard, Co-Director, Center for State

Health Policy, Rutgers University; Dr. Everard Rutledge, Vice President of Community Health, Bon Secours Health Systems, Inc.; Jay Sackman, Executive Vice President, 1199 Service Employees International Union; Dallas Salisbury, President and Chief Executive Officer, Employee Benefit Research Institute; Rosemarie Sweeney, Vice President, Socioeconomic Affairs and Policy Analysis, American Academy of Family Physicians; and Bruce Taylor, Director, Employee Benefit Policy and Plans, Verizon Communications.

The agenda for the September 26, 2002 meeting will include the following:

- Recap of the previous (May 23, 2002) meeting.
- *Medicare & You* Campaign update.
- Update on 2002 Medicare National Multi-Media and Education Campaign.
- CMS quality initiative.
- Briefing on *www.medicare.gov*.
- Listening session with the Administrator.
- Public comment.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make a 5-minute oral presentation on an agenda topic should contact Ms. Caliman by 12 noon, September 19, 2002. A written copy of the oral presentation should also be submitted to Ms. Caliman by 12 noon, September 19, 2002. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. Individuals not wishing to make a presentation may submit written comments to Ms. Caliman by 12 noon, September 19, 2002. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Caliman at least 15 days before the meeting.

Authority: Sec. 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217(a) and sec. 10(a) of Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, sec. 10(a) and 41 CFR 102-3). (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.733, Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: July 15, 2002.

Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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

ACTION: Notice of modified or altered system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, we are proposing to modify or alter a system of records, "Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS), System No. 09-70-6001." We propose to delete published routine use number 1 pertaining to a contractor, number 5 pertaining to employees of a state government, number 6 pertaining to another Federal agency, and an unnumbered routine use authorizing disclosure to the Social Security Administration (SSA). Disclosures previously covered by routine uses number 5, 6, and to the SSA will be accomplished by adding a new routine use number 2 which authorizes release of information in this system to "another Federal and/or state agency, agency of a state government, an agency established by state law, or its fiscal agent." We propose to modify the language of routine use number 1 to clarify the circumstances for disclosure under this routine use and retain the proposed placement of this routine use as number 1.

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 proposed 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 of records is to establish an accurate, current, and comprehensive database containing standardized enrollment, eligibility, and paid claims of Medicaid beneficiaries to be used for the

administration of Medicaid at the Federal level, produce statistical reports, support Medicaid related research, and assist in the detection of fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Information in this system will also be used to: Support regulatory and policy functions performed within the Agency or by a contractor or consultant, another Federal or state agency, agency of a state government, an agency established by state law, or its fiscal agent, support research of policy issues, quality and effectiveness of care, and of epidemiological projects, support constituent requests made to a congressional representative, support litigation involving the Agency related to this system of records, and combat fraud and abuse in certain Federally funded health benefits programs. 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 July 5, 2002. To ensure that all parties have adequate time in which to comment, the modified or altered system of records, including routine uses, will become effective 40 days from the publication of the notice, or from the date it was submitted to OMB and the Congress, whichever is later, unless CMS receives comments that require alterations to this notice.

ADDRESSES: The public should address comments to: Director, Division of Data Liaison and Distribution, CMS, Room N2-04-27, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850. Comments received will be available for review at this location, by appointment, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., eastern daylight time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron North, Technical Advisor, Division of Informational Analysis and Technical Assistance, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, CMS, Room S3-17-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850. The telephone number is 410-786-5651.