

(8) Contributes to the national or local effort on fire and burn injury prevention to children under the age of 14 or other at-risk groups; and

(9) Has a high potential for achieving the overall goals and priorities of the Firefighters Assistance Grant Program and the USFA.

FEMA will use the above criteria in making the funding decisions. FEMA considers these criteria to be of equal weight. In general, proposals that adequately address more of the criteria, and meet the program priorities, will be more likely to receive favorable consideration. FEMA intends to use non-federal experts to assist with the preliminary review of proposals. FEMA will use the expert analysis as part of the basis for its decisions. In addition, in making final decisions on funding, FEMA reserves the right to fund a variety of projects consistent with section E above.

Dated: August 19, 2002.

R. David Paulison,

Administrator, United States Fire Administration.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be

conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 20, 2002.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Bridgewater Financial, MHC*, Raynham, Massachusetts; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bridgewater Savings Bank, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 20, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained

from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than September 16, 2002.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *TransCommunity Bankshares Incorporated*, Richmond, Virginia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank of Goochland, National Association, Goochland, Virginia (in organization).

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470:

1. *Wheeler Bancshares, Inc.*, Alamo, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Wheeler County State Bank, Alamo, Georgia.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 19, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 02-20398) published on pages 52722 and 52723 of the issue for Tuesday, August 13, 2002.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City heading, the entry for Morrill Bancshares, Inc., Sabetha, Kansas, is revised to read as follows:

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Susan Zubradt, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Morrill Bancshares, Inc.*, Sabetha, Kansas; to acquire and merge with Morrill & James Bancshares, Inc., Hiawatha, Kansas, Onaga Bancshares Inc., Merriam, Kansas; and thereby acquire shares of Morrill & James Bank & Trust Co., Hiawatha, Kansas; The First National Bank of Onaga, Onaga, Oklahoma; Century Capital Financial, Inc., Kilgore, Texas; Century Capital Financial—Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and City National Bank, Kilgore, Texas.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire FBC Financial Corporation, Claremore,

Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire 1st Bank Oklahoma, Claremore, Oklahoma, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

In addition, Applicant also has applied to engage *de novo* through First Trust Company of Onaga, Onaga, Oklahoma, in trust company functions, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(5) of Regulation Y.

Comments on this application must be received by September 6, 2002.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 19, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies; Correction

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Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City heading, the entry for Morrill Bancshares, Inc., Sabetha, Kansas, is revised to read as follows:

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Susan Zubradt, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Morrill Bancshares, Inc.*, Sabetha, Kansas; to acquire and merge with Morrill & Janes Bancshares, Inc., Hiawatha, Kansas, Onaga Bancshares Inc., Merriam, Kansas; and thereby acquire shares of Morrill & Janes Bank & Trust Co., Hiawatha, Kansas; The First National Bank of Onaga, Onaga, Oklahoma; Century Capital Financial, Inc., Kilgore, Texas; Century Capital Financial - Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; and City National Bank, Kilgore, Texas.

In connection with this application, Applicant also has applied to acquire FBC Financial Corporation, Claremore, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire 1st Bank Oklahoma, Claremore, Oklahoma, and thereby engage in operating a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

In addition, Applicant also has applied to engage *de novo* through First Trust Company of Onaga, Onaga, Oklahoma, in trust company functions, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(5) of Regulation Y.

Comments on this application must be received by September 6, 2002.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 19, 2002.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-2140-FN]

RIN 0938-ZA13

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Approval of Deeming Authority for Critical Access Hospitals by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

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

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: This final notice announces our decision to approve the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization's (JCAHO's) application as a national accrediting organization for critical access hospitals (CAHs) seeking to participate in the Medicare program. Following our evaluation of the organizational and programmatic capabilities of JCAHO, we have determined that JCAHO standards for CAHs meet or exceed the Medicare conditions of participation. Therefore, CAHs accredited by JCAHO will be granted deemed status under the Medicare program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final notice is effective November 21, 2002 through November 21, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Melanson, (410) 786-0310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Statutory Provisions and Regulations

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services in a critical access hospital (CAH), provided that the hospital meets certain requirements. Sections 1820(c)(2)(B) and 1820(e) of the Social Security Act (the Act) establish distinct criteria for facilities seeking CAH designation. Under this authority, the Secretary has set forth in regulations minimum requirements that a CAH must meet to participate in Medicare. The regulations at 42 CFR part 485, subpart F (Conditions of Participation:

Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)) determine the basis and scope of CAH-covered services. Conditions for Medicare payment for critical access services can be found at § 413.70. Applicable regulations concerning provider agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 (Provider Agreements and Supplier Approval) and those pertaining to facility survey and certification are at 42 CFR part 488, subparts A and B.

Verifying Medicare Conditions of Participation

In general, we approve a CAH for participation in the Medicare program, if it is participating as a hospital at the time it applies for CAH designation, and is in compliance with parts 482 (Conditions of Participation for Hospitals), and 485, subpart F (Conditions of Participation: Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)). Section 403 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 expanded this criterion to allow a limited number of additional entities to become eligible for CAH designation under certain circumstances. Specifically, a rural health clinic previously downsized from an acute care hospital, or a closed hospital that requests to reopen as a CAH, need only meet the provisions of 42 CFR part 485, subpart F (at the time they apply for CAH designation) to be eligible to participate in Medicare.

For a CAH to enter into a provider agreement, a State survey agency must certify that the CAH is in compliance with the conditions or standards set forth in the statute and part 485 subpart F of our regulations. Then, the CAH is subject to ongoing review by a State survey agency to determine whether it continues meeting Medicare requirements. There is, however, an alternative to State compliance surveys. Certification by a nationally recognized accreditation program can substitute for ongoing State review.

Section 1865(b)(1) of the Act provides that, if a provider is accredited by a national accreditation body under standards that meet or exceed the Medicare conditions of participation, the Secretary can "deem" the provider as having met the Medicare requirements for those conditions. Accreditation is voluntary and not required for participation in Medicare; providers have the option to undergo State surveys or pursue accreditation. The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) is currently the only CMS-approved national accreditation organization for CAHs.