

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., appendix 2), announcement is made of a Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting.

The Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel is a group of experts in fields related to health care research who are invited by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and agree to be available, to conduct, on an as needed basis, scientific reviews of applications for AHRQ support. Individual members of the Panel do not attend regularly-scheduled meetings and do not serve for fixed terms or long periods of time. Rather, they are asked to participate in particular review meetings which require their type of expertise.

Substantial segments of the upcoming SEP meeting listed below will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). A grant application for an Independent Scientist (K02) Award is to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. These discussions are likely to include personal information concerning individuals associated with the application. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

SEP Meeting on: Independent Scientist (K02) Award on Managed Care.

Date: December 2, 2002 (Open on December 2, from 1 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. and closed for remainder of the teleconference meeting).

Place: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, 4th Floor, ORREP, 4W5, Division of Scientific Review, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of this meeting should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2121 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1846.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the December 2 meeting, due to the time constraints of reviews and funding cycles.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Business Proposal Formats for Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs)—previously known as Peer Review Organizations and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 475.101-475.107; *Form No.:* CMS-718-721 (OMB# 0938-0579); *Use:* The submission of proposal information by current QIOs and other bidders, on the appropriate forms, will satisfy CMS's need for meaningful, consistent, and verifiable data with which to evaluate contract proposals. *Frequency:* tri-annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 20; *Total Annual Responses:* 20; *Total Annual Hours:* 455.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pract/default.asp>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: November 14, 2002.

John P. Burke III,

Paperwork Reduction Act Team Leader, CMS Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Strategic Operations and Strategic Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Requirements in HSQ-110, Acquisition, Protection and Disclosure of Peer Review Organization Information and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Sections 480.104, 480.105, 480.116, and 480.134.; *Form No.:* CMS-R-70 (OMB# 0938-0426); *Use:* The Peer Review Improvement Act of 1982 authorizes quality improvement organizations (QIOs), formally known as PROs, to acquire information necessary to fulfill their duties and functions and places limits on disclosure of the information. These requirements are on the QIOs to provide notices to the affected parties when disclosing information about them. These requirements serve to protect the rights of the affected parties. *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 362; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,729; *Total Annual Hours:* 60,919.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 488.18, 488.26, and 488.28; *Form No.:* CMS-2567 (OMB# 0938-0391); *Use:* This Paperwork package provides information regarding the form used by the Medicare, Medicaid, and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) programs to document a health care facility's compliance or noncompliance (deficiencies) with regard to the Medicare/Medicaid Conditions of Participation and Coverage, the requirements for participation for Skilled Nursing Facilities and Nursing Facilities, and for certification under CLIA. This form becomes the basis for both public disclosure of information and CMS certification decisions (including termination or denial of participation); *Frequency:* Biennially and Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 60,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 60,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 120,000.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for

which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Determining Third Party Liability (TPL) State Plan Preprint and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 433.138; *Form No.:* CMS-R-107 (OMB# 0938-0502); *Use:* The collection of third party liability information results in significant program savings to the extent that liable third parties can be identified and payments can be made for services that would otherwise be paid for by the Medicaid program. *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Federal Government, and State, Local, or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 1,900,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,900,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 329,965.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web Site address at <http://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pr/default.asp>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Brenda Aguilar, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 14, 2002.

John P. Burke III,

Paperwork Reduction Act Team Leader, CMS Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Applications From Hospitals Requesting Waivers for Organ Procurement Service Areas

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

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice announces three applications that we have received from

hospitals requesting waivers from entering into agreements with their designated organ procurement organizations (OPOs), in accordance with section 1138(a)(2) of the Social Security Act. This notice requests comments from OPOs and the general public for our consideration in determining whether we should grant these waivers.

COMMENT DATE: We will consider comments if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on January 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-1241-NC. Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. Mail written comments (one original and three copies) to the following address only: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-1241-NC, PO Box 8010, Baltimore, MD 21244-8010.

To ensure that mailed comments are received in time for us to consider them, please allow for possible delays in delivering them.

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 443-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Comments mailed to the addresses indicated as appropriate for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and could be considered late.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Horney, (410) 786-4554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Inspection of Public Comments: Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, at the headquarters of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment to view public comments, phone (410) 786-9994.

I. Background

Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) are not-for-profit organizations that collect human organs from