

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
[CMS-3117-N]
Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee—September 9, 2003
AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (the Committee). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. The Committee advises us on whether adequate evidence exists to determine whether specific medical items and services are reasonable and necessary under the Medicare statute. The Committee will discuss and make recommendations concerning the quality of the evidence and related issues for the use of ocular photodynamic therapy (OPT) with verteporfin in routine clinical use in the population of Medicare beneficiaries who have age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and occult with no classic choroidal neovascularization (CNV). Notice of this action is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)).

DATES: The public meeting announced will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., e.d.t.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: Interested persons may present data, information, or views orally or in writing, on issues pending before the Committee. Written presentations and comments must be submitted to the Executive Secretary, Michelle Atkinson, by telephone at 410-786-2881 or by e-mail at matkinson@cms.hhs.gov by August 21, 2003, 5 p.m., e.d.t.

Special Accommodations: Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired, or have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify the Executive Secretary by August 21, 2003 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Inner Harbor, Room: Harbor 1, 12th floor, 301 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Refer to Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee meeting if making reservations through the Holiday Inn Inner Harbor.

Presentations and Comments: Submit formal presentations and written comments to Michelle Atkinson by telephone at 410-786-2881, by e-mail at matkinson@cms.hhs.gov, or by mail to the Executive Secretary, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C1-09-06, Baltimore, MD 21244.

Web site: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting at <http://www.cms.gov/coverage>.

Hotline: You may access up-to-date information on this meeting on the CMS Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1-877-449-5659 (toll free), or in the Baltimore area, (410) 786-9379.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Atkinson, Executive Secretary, by telephone at 410-786-2881, or by email at matkinson@cms.hhs.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 14, 1998, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 68780) to describe the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (the Committee), which provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. This notice announces the following public meeting of the Committee.

Meeting Topic: The Committee will discuss the evidence, hear presentations and public comment, and make recommendations regarding the use of ocular photodynamic therapy (OPT) with verteporfin in routine clinical use in the population of Medicare beneficiaries who have age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and occult with no classic choroidal neovascularization (CNV). Background information about this topic, including panel materials, is available on the Internet at <http://www.cms.gov/coverage>.

Procedure and Agenda: This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public. The Committee may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make formal presentations, you must notify the Executive Secretary named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, and submit the following by August 21, 2003, 5 p.m., e.d.t.: A brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present, and the names and addresses of proposed participants. A written copy of your presentation must be provided to each Panel member before offering your public comments. We will request that you declare at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with

manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

After the public and the CMS presentations, the Committee will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. The Committee will also allow an unscheduled open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic. At the conclusion of the day, the members will vote and the Committee will make its recommendation.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: July 16, 2003.

Steve Phurrough,

Acting Director, Coverage and Analysis Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Chief Medical Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Coast Guard
[USCG-2003-14496]

Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): OMB Control Numbers 1625-0063 (formerly 2115-0586), 1625-0014 (formerly 2115-0053), 1625-0009 (formerly 2115-0025), and 1625-0002 (formerly 2115-0007)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the four Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. Our ICRs describe the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OIRA ensures that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before August 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To make sure that your comments and related material do not enter the docket [USCG 2003-14496] more than once, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1)(a) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. (b) By mail to OIRA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard. Caution: Because of recent delays in the delivery of mail, your comments may reach the Facility more quickly if you choose one of the other means described below.

(2)(a) By delivery to room PL-401 at the address given in paragraph (1)(a) above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329. (b) By delivery to OIRA, at the address given in paragraph (1)(b) above, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) By fax to (a) the Facility at 202-493-2251 and (b) OIRA at 202-395-5806, or e-mail to OIRA at oiradocket@omb.eop.gov attention: Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(4)(a) Electronically through the Web Site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>. (b) OIRA does not have a website on which you can post your comments.

(5) Electronically through Federal eRule Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

The Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 (Plaza level), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available for inspection and copying in public dockets. They are available in docket USCG 2003-14496 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-CIM-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, Office of Information

Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document; Dorothy Beard, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-5149, for questions on the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this request for comment by submitting comments and related materials. We will post all comments received, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, and they will include any personal information you have provided. We have an agreement with DOT to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT's "Privacy Act" paragraph below.

Submitting comments: If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this request for comment [USCG-2003-14496], indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES** but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

Viewing comments and documents: To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 in the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Privacy Act Statement of DOT in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 [65 FR 19477], or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OIRA. The Coast Guard has already published (68 FR 8324, February 20, 2003) the 60-day notice required by OIRA. That notice elicited no comments.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard invites comments on the proposed collections of information to determine whether the collections are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) the practical utility of the collections; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimated burden of the collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of the collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, to DMS or OIRA, must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR addressed. Comments to DMS must contain the docket number of this request, USCG 2003-14496. Comments to OIRA are best assured of having their full effect if OIRA receives them 30 or fewer days after the publication of this request.

Information Collection Request

1. **Title:** Marine Occupational Health and Safety Standards for Benzene—46 CFR Part 197, Subpart C.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0063.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners and operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require that information collected be maintain and made available for Coast Guard inspection.

Abstract: To protect marine workers from exposure to toxic benzene vapor, the Coast Guard implemented 46 CFR Part 197, Subpart C.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 59,766 hours a year.

2. **Title:** Request for Designation and Exemption of Oceanographic Research Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0014.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners or operators of vessels.

Form: This collection of information does not require the public to fill out forms, but does require the information to be in written format to the Coast Guard.

Abstract: 46 U.S.C. 2113 authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to exempt Oceanographic Research Vessels, by rule, from certain parts of Subtitle II of Title 46, Shipping, of the United States Code, concerning vessels and seamen. This information is necessary to ensure that a vessel qualifies for exemption.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 21 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Oil Record Book for Ships.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0009.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Operators of vessels.

Form: CG-4602A.

Abstract: The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and the International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the 1978 Protocol relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), require the entry into an Oil Record Book (CG-4602A) of information about oil carried as cargo or fuel. The maintenance of the Book constitutes the collection of information. The requirement for it appears at 33 CFR 151.25.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 29,048 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Application for Vessel Inspection and Waiver.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0002.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners, operators, agents, or masters of vessels, or interested Federal agencies.

Form: CG-2633 and CG-3752.

Abstract: The collection of information requires the owner, operator, agent, or master of a vessel to apply in writing to the Coast Guard before the commencement of the inspection for certification, or when, in the interest of national defense, a waiver from the requirements of navigation and vessel inspection seems desirable.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: The estimated burden is 677 hours a year.

Dated: July 17, 2003.

Clifford I. Pearson,

Director of Information and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4809-N-30]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: July 17, 2003.

John D. Garrity,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Second Information Request for the 5-Year Reviews of the Marbled Murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) and the Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Second information request for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet 5-year reviews.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a second request for information for the 5-year reviews of the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) and the northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) under section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

(Act). The first request for information closed June 20, 2003. We are announcing this second request to allow the public additional time to provide information for these reviews. We are again requesting submission of any new information (best scientific and commercial data) on the marbled murrelet and the northern spotted owl that has become available since their original listings in 1992 and 1990, respectively. If the present classification of each of these species is not consistent with the best scientific and commercial information available, we may, at the conclusion of these reviews, initiate a separate action to propose changes to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (List) accordingly.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct these reviews, we must receive your information no later than August 20, 2003. We want to emphasize that the timely submission of information is critical to ensure its use in these 5-year reviews.

ADDRESSES: Submit information to the Field Office Supervisor, Attention Owl and Murrelet 5-year Review, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, 2600 SE. 98th Avenue, Suite 100, Portland, Oregon 97266. Information received in response to this notice and the results of these reviews will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address. New information regarding the northern spotted owl may be sent electronically to owl_information@r1.fws.gov. New information regarding the marbled murrelet may be sent electronically to murrelet_information@r1.fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the marbled murrelet, contact Lee Folliard at the above address, or at 503/231-6179. For the northern spotted owl, contact Robin Bown at the above address, or at 503/231-6179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. The purpose of a 5-year review is to ensure that the classification of a species as threatened or endangered on the List is accurate. The 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review that has become available since the species' original listing or its most recent status or 5-year review.

On April 21, 2003, we announced in a **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 19569) that we are commencing 5-year reviews of the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) and the northern spotted