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Needs and Uses: BOCs are required to post their CEI plans and amendments on their publicly accessible Internet sites. The requirement extends CEI plans for new or modified telemessaging or alarm monitoring services and for new or amended payphone services. If the BOC receives a good faith request for a plan from someone who does not have internet access, the BOC must notify that person where a paper copy of the plan is available for public inspection. The CEI plans will be used to ensure that BOCs comply with Commission policies and regulations safeguarding against potential anticompetitive behavior by the BOCs in the provision of information services.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than November 7, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *William C. Lemoine and Polly R. Lemoine*, Saint Francisville, Louisiana, to acquire additional voting shares of Saint Francisville Bancshares, Inc., Saint Francisville, Louisiana, and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of Bank of Saint Francisville, Saint Francisville, Louisiana.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 20, 2003.

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 November 17, 2003.

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

1. *Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.*, Boston, Massachusetts; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of, and thereby merge with First State Bancorp, Granada Hills, California, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First State Bank of California, Granada Hills, California.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (James Hunter, Assistant Vice

President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *ColoEast Bankshares, Inc.*, Lamar, Colorado; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Tribune, Tribune, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 20, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. 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 the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 7, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *City Bancorp*, Springfield, Missouri; to acquire 25 percent of the voting shares of Mobius Technology Consulting, LLC, Springfield, Missouri, and thereby engage in management consulting activities, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(9)(i)(A) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 20, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Grant Award to Promote Reverse Mortgages for Long-Term Care

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

ACTION: Notice of grant award.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has awarded a grant entitled "A Public-Private Partnership to Promote Reverse Mortgages for Long-Term Care" to the National Council on the Aging (NCOA), 300 D Street SW., Suite 801, Washington, DC 20024, in response to an unsolicited application. The NCOA proposes to work with leaders from the private sector and government to develop a national blueprint for increasing the use of reverse mortgages for long-term care. The total amount of the award is \$295,000 for the period September 30, 2003 through May 30, 2004. The encouragement of reverse mortgages as a means of private sector financing of long-term care expenses for the elderly is a priority issue for DHHS, CMS. Funding of this unsolicited proposal will result in a desirable public benefit based on NCOA's extensive specialized expertise in evaluating long-term care services and financing. The NCOA has a professional staff that is dedicated to understanding the myriad of state and Federal regulations that affect long-term care. NCOA also has many years of experience in defining and developing long-term care issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Kornfield, Project Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, DHHS/ORDI, C3-20-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland, 21244, (410) 786-8263, or Judith Norris, Grants Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, OICS/AGG/CMS, C2-21-15, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland, 21244, (410) 786-5130.

Authority: (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.779, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Research,

Demonstrations and Evaluations) Section 110 of the Social Security Act.

Dated: October 2, 2003.

Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 2004

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the inpatient hospital deductible and the hospital and extended care services coinsurance amounts for services furnished in calendar year 2004 under Medicare's Hospital Insurance program (Medicare Part A). The Medicare statute specifies the formulae used to determine these amounts.

The inpatient hospital deductible will be \$876. The daily coinsurance amounts will be: (a) \$219 for the 61st through 90th day of hospitalization in a benefit period; (b) \$438 for lifetime reserve days; and (c) \$109.50 for the 21st through 100th day of extended care services in a skilled nursing facility in a benefit period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective on January 1, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clare McFarland, (410) 786-6390. For case-mix analysis only: Gregory J. Savord, (410) 786-1521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1813 of the Social Security Act (the Act) provides for an inpatient hospital deductible to be subtracted from the amount payable by Medicare for inpatient hospital services furnished to a beneficiary. It also provides for certain coinsurance amounts to be subtracted from the amounts payable by Medicare for inpatient hospital and extended care services. Section 1813(b)(2) of the Act requires us to determine and publish, between September 1 and September 15 of each year, the amount of the inpatient

hospital deductible and the hospital and extended care services coinsurance amounts applicable for services furnished in the following calendar year.

II. Computing the Inpatient Hospital Deductible for 2004

Section 1813(b) of the Act prescribes the method for computing the amount of the inpatient hospital deductible. The inpatient hospital deductible is an amount equal to the inpatient hospital deductible for the preceding calendar year, changed by our best estimate of the payment-weighted average of the applicable percentage increases (as defined in section 1886(b)(3)(B) of the Act) used for updating the payment rates to hospitals for discharges in the fiscal year that begins on October 1 of the same preceding calendar year, and adjusted to reflect real case mix. The adjustment to reflect real case mix is determined on the basis of the most recent case mix data available. The amount determined under this formula is rounded to the nearest multiple of \$4 (or, if midway between two multiples of \$4, to the next higher multiple of \$4).

Under section 1886(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Act, the percentage increase used to update the payment rates for fiscal year 2004 for hospitals paid under the prospective payment system is the market basket percentage increase.

Under section 1886(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Act, the percentage increase used to update the payment rates for fiscal year 2004 for hospitals excluded from the prospective payment system is the market basket percentage increase, defined according to section 1886(b)(3)(B)(iii) of the Act.

The market basket percentage increase for fiscal year 2004 is 3.4 percent, as announced in the final rule titled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and Fiscal Year 2004 Rates," published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2003 (68 FR 45346).

Therefore, the percentage increase for hospitals paid under the prospective payment system is 3.4 percent. The average payment percentage increase for hospitals excluded from the prospective payment system is 3.4 percent. Weighting these percentages in accordance with payment volume, our best estimate of the payment-weighted average of the increases in the payment rates for fiscal year 2004 is 3.4 percent.

To develop the adjustment for real case mix, we first calculated for each hospital an average case mix that reflects the relative costliness of that hospital's mix of cases compared to those of other hospitals. We then