

highlight June 27 as the National HIV Testing Day and to promote the importance of HIV testing by using local or national media participation.

Partnership agreements will make clear that there will be no Federal endorsement of the products or services of particular companies and organizations. HHS will have a right to review the use of Department logos and statements related to partnership activities on such materials and products to ensure that they are suitable for the initiative and that government neutrality with respect to such products and services is maintained. National HIV Testing Day is a registered trademark of the National Association of People with AIDS.

Evaluation Criteria

After engaging in exploratory discussions of potential partnerships and partnership activities with respondents, HHS will use the following considerations, as appropriate and relevant, to determine whether HHS will engage in partnership activities with particular entities and the scope of those activities.

1. Are the activities proposed by the offering entity likely to provide a substantial public health benefit, consistent with HHS goals and its initiative to promote greater testing for HIV, spotlighting the June 27 National HIV Testing Day?

2. Does the proposed partnership's potential for public health benefit outweigh any potential negative impact on the agency and its ability to accomplish its missions? What adjustments if any, would make the proposal acceptable?

3. Is there an identifiable and appropriate role for HHS and the potential partner?

4. Does the outside entity have the expertise and capacity to carry out its proposed activities?

5. Has the outside entity demonstrated a willingness to work collaboratively with other public and private sector organizations to achieve national awareness of the importance of HIV testing?

Given the National HIV Testing Day Partnership initiative's objectives, entities which have similar goals and consistent interests, appropriate expertise and resources, and would like to pursue activities that will support and promote the National HIV Testing Day within their own organizations, or on a broader scale, in collaboration with the Department, are encouraged to reply to this notice. Working together, it is intended that these partnerships will

provide innovative opportunities to promote greater HIV testing.

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Acting Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Announcement of Solicitation of Research Pertinent to the Communication of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides notice of the solicitation of communication research reports pertinent to the sixth edition of Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans, expected to be released in early 2005.

Organizations have expressed an interest in sharing their research findings with HHS. This is not a request for research proposals nor will monetary reimbursement be provided for research submitted.

DATES: Research materials must be received by 5 p.m. E.S.T. on August 31, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Research materials may be sent to the E-mail address dietaryguidelines@osophs.dhhs.gov, or mailed to Dietary Guidelines Communications, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 738-G, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Dobday, HHS Project Officer for the Dietary Guidelines Communications, or Kathryn McMurry, HHS Dietary Guidelines Co-Executive Secretary by phone at 202-690-7102, or by writing the following address: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 738-G, Washington, DC 20201. Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-445, Title III) requires the

Secretaries of HHS and USDA to publish Nutrition and Your Health: Dietary Guidelines for Americans at least every five years. The sixth edition of the Dietary Guidelines is expected to be jointly released by HHS and USDA in early 2005. HHS is collaborating with USDA on the development of health messages and communication materials to support the 2005 Dietary Guidelines targeted to the public and intermediaries—government agencies and other organizations, health policy professionals, health communicators, nutrition educators, the media and other intermediaries.

Research: By this notice, the Committee is soliciting submission of research (qualitative and quantitative) pertinent to the development of communications supporting the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The research submitted may be used as guidance in the development of health messages and materials, and their dissemination to various target audiences. HHS may share the research it receives with internal and external entities working on the 2005 Dietary Guidelines Communications. Research for purposes of this notice should pertain to the subject areas relevant to the Dietary Guidelines (*e.g.*, nutrition, physical activity, energy balance, food safety) and may address audience segmentation, trends, messages, content, communication vehicles and/or channels, education programs, interactive tools, etc. For those submitting research reports, please provide a summary report, final report, or topline that includes the research purpose, objectives, target audiences, methodology, date(s) conducted and location(s), intended use, conclusions/recommendations and note if sponsored or underwritten and by whom. Research submitted will be considered in the public domain, meaning it may not be considered proprietary. There is no reimbursement for research provided nor is this a request for research proposals. Furthermore, research provided should not in any way be deemed as Federally endorsed simply because it has been submitted in response to this notice. Submission of research does not guarantee its use. Please indicate whether you would be available for an oral presentation of your research should we contact you and request so.

Dated: May 27, 2004.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), Department of Health and Human Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 498-1210.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Sandra Gambescia, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-E11, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov*. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

ACHES (Arthritis Conditions Health Effects Survey)—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background

Arthritis and other rheumatic conditions are among the most prevalent diseases and are the most frequent cause of disability in the United States. Health care costs for arthritis were estimated at \$86.2 billion for 1997. In 2001, an estimated 33% of U.S. adults (70 million) reported prior diagnosis of arthritis or chronic joint symptoms. As the U.S. population

increasingly “grays,” the economic and disability burden from arthritis will only grow.

Fortunately, arthritis can be successfully managed and its impacts lessened. Exercise, weight loss, medications, joint replacement surgeries and educational and sociobehavioral interventions can decrease pain as well as improve physical function and quality of life and reduce health care costs. Unfortunately, relatively little is known nationally about persons with arthritis or chronic joint symptoms to better target these interventions. Current national health surveys and databases have extremely limited coverage about arthritis and the myriad of issues surrounding the conditions.

CDC plans to conduct ACHES (Arthritis Conditions Health Effects Survey) to close the information gaps about arthritis. ACHES is a national random digit dial telephone survey dedicated solely to arthritis for the purpose of gathering information on symptoms, limitations, physical functioning levels, effects of arthritis on work, knowledge and attitudes about arthritis, self management of arthritis, current physical activity, anxiety, depression, and demographics of 4,500 persons age 45 years and older with arthritis. The information from it will be used to better direct and target national arthritis control efforts. There is no cost to respondents.

| Respondents | No. of respondents | No. of responses/respondent | Avg. burden/response (in hrs) | Total burden hours |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Screened adult | 25,000 | 1 | 3/60 | 1,250 |
| Adult over 45 with arthritis | 4,500 | 1 | 30/60 | 2,250 |
| Total | 29,500 | | | 3,500 |

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Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Establishment of the Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for End Stage Renal Disease Services and Request for Nominations for Members

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the establishment of the Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-

Mix Adjusted Payment System for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Services and discusses the group's purpose and charter. It also solicits nominations for members.

DATES: Nominations for membership will be considered if they are received by July 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations and written requests for copies of the Advisory Board on the Demonstration of a Bundled Case-Mix Adjusted Payment System for ESRD Services Charter to—

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850. Medicare Demonstrations Program Group, Mail stop C4-17-27, Attention: Pamela Kelly.