

address: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/ARs.htm>.

VI.3. Reporting Requirements

You must provide CDC with an original, plus two hard copies of the following reports:

1. Interim progress report, due no less than 90 days before the end of the budget period. The progress report will serve as your non-competing continuation application, and must contain the following elements:

- a. Current Budget Period Activities Objectives.
- b. Current Budget Period Financial Progress.
- c. New Budget Period Program Proposed Activity Objectives.
- d. Budget.
- e. Measures of Effectiveness.
- f. Additional Requested Information.

2. Financial status report and annual progress report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.

3. Final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

These reports must be mailed to the Grants Management Specialist listed in the "Agency Contacts" section of this announcement.

VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this announcement.

For general questions, contact: Technical Information Management Section, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For program technical assistance, contact: Yvonne Lewis, Project Officer, CDC Office of Minority Health, 1600 Clifton Road, MS E-67, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone: 404-498-2336, E-mail: YLewis@cdc.gov.

For financial, grants management, or budget assistance, contact: Mattie Jackson, Grants Management Specialist, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, MS K-69, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: 770-488-2696, E-mail: MJackson2@cdc.gov.

VIII. Other Information

This and other CDC funding opportunity announcements can be found on the CDC Web site, Internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov>. Click on "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

OMH Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/>.

Dated: February 17, 2005.

William P. Nichols,

Director, Procurement and Grants Office,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Board of Scientific Counselors

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Health Statistics announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, NCHS.

Times and Dates: 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m., April 21, 2005. 8:30 a.m.—2 p.m., April 22, 2005.

Place: NCHS Headquarters, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing advice and making recommendations to the Secretary; the Director, CDC; and Director, NCHS, regarding the scientific and technical program goals and objectives, strategies, and priorities of NCHS.

Matter To Be Discussed: The agenda will include welcome remarks by the Director, NCHS; introductions of members and key NCHS staff; scientific presentations and discussions; and an open session for comments from the public. Requests to make an oral presentation should be submitted in writing to the contact person listed below by close of business, March 25, 2005. All requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Written comments should not exceed five single-spaced typed pages in length and should be received by the contact person listed below by close of business, March 25, 2005.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

For Further Information Contact: Robert Weinzimer, Executive Secretary, NCHS, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 7108, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4565, fax (301) 458-4021.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: February 18, 2005.

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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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), 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 the burden estimates or any other aspects of these collections 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting emergency review because these collections of information are needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because the normal procedures are likely to cause a statutory deadline to be missed.

CMS is requesting OMB review and approval of these collections by March 18, 2005, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by March 17, 2005.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) for Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.250, 422.252, 422.254, 422.256, 422.258, 422.262, 422.264, 422.266, 422.270, 422.300, 422.304, 422.306, 422.308, 422.310, 422.312, 422.314, 422.316, 422.318, 422.320, 422.322, 422.324, 423.251, 423.258, 423.265, 423.272, 423.279, 423.286, 423.293, 423.301, 423.308, 423.315, 423.322, 423.329, 423.336, 423.343, 423.346, and 423.350; *Use:* Under the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA), Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) are required to submit an actuarial pricing bid for each plan for approval by CMS. MAOs and PDPs use the Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) software to develop their actuarial pricing bid. CMS uses the BPT to review and approve the plan pricing proposed by each organization. CMS requires that MAOs and PDPs complete the BPT as part of the annual bid process. During this process, organizations prepare their proposed actuarial bid pricing for the upcoming contract year and submit them to CMS for review and approval. The purpose of the BPT is to collect the actuarial pricing for each plan. The BPT calculates the plan's bid, enrollee premium(s), and any rebates or savings; *Form Number:* CMS-10142 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* On occasion, annually, and as required by new legislation; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 350; *Total Annual Responses:* 350; *Total Annual Hours:* 12,050.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Plan Benefit Package (PBP) and Formulary Submission for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs); *Use:* Under the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA), Medicare Advantage (MA) and Prescription Drug Plan (PDPs) organizations are required to submit plan benefit packages for all Medicare beneficiaries residing in their service area. MA and PDP organizations will generate a formulary to illustrate their preferred list of drugs, including information on prior authorization, step

therapy, tiering, and quantity limits. Additionally, the PBP software will be used to describe their organization's plan benefit packages, including information on premiums, cost sharing, authorization rules, and supplemental benefits. CMS uses the formulary and PBP data to review and approve the plan benefit packages proposed by each MA and PDP organization. The formulary is a new requirement under MMA; therefore, a revision to this currently approved information collection is necessary; *Form Number:* CMS-R-262 (OMB#: 0938-0763); *Frequency:* On occasion and as required by new legislation; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 470; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,092; *Total Annual Hours:* 5,546.

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://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prs> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below by March 17, 2005:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, 7500 Security Boulevard, Room C5-14-03, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, Attn: Melissa Musotto, CMS-10142 and CMS-R-262, Fax Number: 410-786-3064; and,

OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Christopher Martin, Desk Officer, Fax Number: 202-395-6974.

Dated: February 17, 2005.

John P. Burke, III,

CMS Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Regulations Development Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice invites nominations of members to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups (the Panel). Seven vacancies will exist on the Panel as of March 31, 2005.

The purpose of the Panel is to review the APC groups and their associated weights and to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (the Administrator) concerning the clinical integrity of the APC groups and their associated weights. The advice provided by the Panel will be considered as CMS prepares its annual updates of the hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) through rulemaking.

The panel was recently rechartered for a 2-year period through November 21, 2006.

Nominations: Nominations will be considered if received no later than March 15, 2005 at 5 p.m. e.s.t. Mail or deliver nominations to the following address: CMS; Attn: Shirl Ackerman-Ross, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Advisory Panel on APC Groups; Center for Medicare Management (CMM), Hospital & Ambulatory Policy Group (HAPG), Division of Outpatient Care (DOC); 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-05-17; Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Web Site: For additional information on the APC Panel and updates to the Panel's activities, search our Web site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/faca/apc/default.asp>.

Advisory Committees' Information Lines: You may also refer to the CMS Advisory Committee Information Hotlines at 1-877-449-5659 (toll-free) or 410-786-9379 (local) for additional information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons wishing to nominate individuals to serve on the Panel or to obtain further information can also