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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Agency: Office of the Secretary, HHS. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), 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: New Collection, Regular;

Title of Information Collection: National Community Centers of Excellence in Women's Health and National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health Joint Project Evaluation Professional Survey;

Form/OMB No.: OS–0990–New;

Use: Health professionals and community leaders who participated in a joint project program will complete a survey sharing their perceptions of the program's impact on their work. This will help evaluate the processes and outcomes of the joint projects and their ability to provide integrated services to women.

Frequency: Other, once per person;

Affected Public: Individuals or households,

Annual Number of Respondents: 170.

Total Annual Responses: 170;

Average Burden Per Response: 15-minutes;

Total Annual Hours: 43.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at *http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending/* or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to *naomi.cook@hhs.gov,* or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690–6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology, and Finance, Office of Information and Resource Management, Attention: Naomi Cook (0990–New), Room 531–H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20201.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Meeting of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces meetings of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group (the Working Group) mandated by section 1014 of the Medicare Modernization Act.

DATES: Business meetings of the Working Group will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and Thursday, September 22, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A public meeting with invited speakers will take place on Friday, September 23 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This meeting will focus on Oregon's experience in engaging the public in developing health care policy.

ADDRESSES: Events for all three days will take place in the Portland City Hall, 1221 SW. 4th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. The Working Group business meetings on both Wednesday and Thursday will take place in the Rose Room. Friday's meeting will take place in the City Council Chambers.

All meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caroline Taplin, Citizens' Health Care Working Group, at (301) 443–1514 or *ctaplin@ahrq.gov*. If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Mr. Donald L. Innis, Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Program Support Center, on (301) 443–1144.

The agendas for these three Working Group meetings are available on the Citizens' Working Group Web site, *http://www.citizenshealthcare.gov*. Also available at that site is a roster of Working Group members. When transcriptions of the Group's September meetins are completed, they will also be available on the Web site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1014 of Pub. L. 108–173, (known as the Medicare Modernization Act) directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, to establish a Citizens' Health Care Working Group (Citizen Group). This statutory provision, codified at 42 U.S.C. 299n., directs the Working Group to: (1) Identify options for changing our health care system so that every American has the ability to obtain quality, affordable health care coverage; (2) provide for a nationwide public debate about improving the health care system; and (3) submit its recommendations to the President and the Congress.

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is composed of 15 members: the Secretary of DHHS is designated as a member by the statute and the Comptroller General of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) was directed to name the remaining 14 members whose appointments were announced on February 28, 2005.

Working Group Meeting Agendas

The Working Group business meetings on September 21 and 22 will be devoted to ongoing Working Group business. Topics to be addressed are expected to include: reports from Working Group Committees, plans for release of the required Report to the American people, and plans for community meetings and other activities to engage the public.

At the public meeting on September 23, invited speakers will discuss Oregon's experiences in engaging the public in discussions of health policy.