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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The American Health Information Community will advise the Secretary and recommend specific actions to achieve a common interoperability framework for health information technology (IT) and serve as a forum for participation from a broad range of stakeholders to provide input on achieving interoperability of health IT. The Community shall not exceed 17 voting members, including the Chair, and members shall be appointed by the Secretary.

Dated: September 23, 2005.

Dana Haza,

Acting Director of the Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator; American Health Information Community Meeting

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the first meeting of the American Health Information Community in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.) The American Health Information Community will advise the Secretary and recommend specific actions to achieve a common interoperability

framework for health information technology (IT).

DATES: October 7th, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hubert H. Humphrey building (200 Independence Ave., Southwest, Washington, DC 20201), conference room 705A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with GSA regulations implementing the Federal Advisory Committee Act, ONC intends to publish a **Federal Register** meeting announcement at least 15 calendar days before the date of an American Health Information Community meeting for all dates in the future. The GSA regulations, however, also provide that an agency may give less than 15 days notice if the reasons for doing so are included in the **Federal Register** meeting notice. Due to the recent events in the gulf coast and the Department of Health and Human Services and Office of the National Coordinator's response to hurricane Katrina it has not been possible for ONC to announce the date and location of the first AHIC meeting before today. It should also be noted that the following meeting may be postponed if DHHS and ONC are involved in a response to hurricane Rita.

The URL for the webcast of the first AHIC meeting has not yet been established and will be announced on the ONC Web site <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit> before the scheduled date above.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); Redistribution of Unexpended SCHIP Funds From the Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2002

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

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: This final notice describes and finalizes the procedure, which was previously published in the **Federal**

Register on January 19, 2005 (70 FR 3036) as a notice with comment period, for redistribution of States' unexpended Federal fiscal year (FY) 2002 SCHIP allotments remaining at the end of FY 2004 to those States that fully expended the allotments. These redistributed allotments will be available through the end of FY 2005 (September 30, 2005).

DATES: The provisions described in this final notice are effective on September 29, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Strauss, (410) 786-2019.

I. Background

A. Extension of Availability and Redistribution of SCHIP Fiscal Year 1998 Through 2001 Allotments

Title XXI of the Social Security Act (the Act) sets forth the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to enable States, the District of Columbia, and specified Commonwealths and Territories to initiate and expand health insurance coverage to uninsured, low-income children. In this notice, unless otherwise indicated, the terms "State" and "States" refer to any or all of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealths and Territories. States may implement the SCHIP through a separate child health program under title XXI of the Act, an expanded program under title XIX of the Act, or a combination of both.

Under section 2104(e) of the Act, the SCHIP allotments for a Federal fiscal year are available to match expenditures under an approved State child health plan for an initial 3-fiscal year "period of availability," including the fiscal year for which the allotment was provided. After the initial period of availability, the amount of unspent allotments is reallocated and continues to be available during a subsequent period of availability, specified in SCHIP statute. With the exception described below for the allotments made in FYs 1998 through 2001, allotments that are unexpended at the end of the initial 3-year period of availability are redistributed from the States that did not fully spend the allotments to States that fully spent their allotments for that fiscal year.

The Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA), enacted as part of Pub. L. 106-554 on December 21, 2000, amended title XXI of the Act in part by establishing requirements for a subsequent extended period of availability with respect to the amounts of States' FY 1998 and FY 1999 allotments that were unspent during the initial 3-year period of availability.