C. Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

We ordinarily publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** to provide a period for public comment before the provisions of a rule take effect in accordance with section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). However, we can waive this notice and comment procedure if the Secretary finds, for good cause, that the notice and comment process is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, and incorporates a statement of the finding and the reasons therefore in the notice.

The Medicare statute requires the publication of the monthly actuarial rates and the Part B premium amounts in September. We ordinarily use general notices, rather than notice and comment rulemaking procedures, to make such announcements. In doing so, we note that, under the Administrative Procedure Act, interpretive rules, general statements of policy, and rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice are excepted from the requirements of notice and comment rulemaking.

This notice corrects an inadvertent error in the notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** on September 18, 2006, entitled ''Medicare Part B Monthly Actuarial Rates, Premium Rates, and Annual Deductible for Calendar Year 2007.'' In that notice, we also determined that notice and comment was unnecessary because the formulas used to calculate the Part B premium and the income-related monthly adjustment amounts are statutorily directed and we can exercise no discretion in applying those formulas. Moreover, the statute establishes the time period for which the premium rates will apply, and delaying publication of the Part B premium rate such that it would not be published before that time would be contrary to the public interest.

For the same reasons, we find good cause to waive notice and comment procedures with respect to this correction notice. In addition, this correction notice includes the changes necessary to correct a technical error in the computation of the income-related monthly adjustment amount under the statutory formula. Because these changes affect the amount of the Part B income-related monthly adjustment that will be paid by certain beneficiaries, it is in the public interest to ensure that these changes are made as soon after the publication of the original notice as possible.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: September 28, 2006.

Ann C. Agnew,

Executive Secretary to the Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Immunology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Immunology Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on November 16, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Walker/Whetstone Rooms, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Rufina Carlos, Office of In Vitro Diagnostic Device Evaluation and Safety (HFZ–440), Food and Drug Administration, 2098 Gaither Rd., Rockville, MD. 20850, 240–276–0493 ext. 167, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512516. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will discuss, make recommendations, and vote on a premarket approval application for a laboratory assay designed for the rapid detection of clinically relevant (greater than 0.2 millimeters) metastases in lymph node tissue removed from breast cancer patients. Results from the assay can be used to guide the surgeon's decision to excise additional lymph nodes and aid in staging.

Background information for the topic, including the agenda and questions for the committee, will be available to the public 1 business day before the meeting on the Internet at *http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/panel* (click on Upcoming CDRH Advisory Panel/Committee Meetings).

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before October 30, 2006. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes at the beginning of committee deliberations and for approximately 30 minutes near the end of the deliberations. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before October 30, 2006.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Shirley Meeks, Conference Management Staff, at 301–827–7292, at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: September 25, 2006.

Randall W. Lutter,

Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERIVCES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on 301–443–1129

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, utilizing automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: HRSA AIDS Education and Training Centers Evaluation Activities (OMB No. 0915–0281)—Revision

The AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program, under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, supports a network of regional and cross-cutting national centers that conduct targeted, multi-disciplinary education and training programs for health care providers treating persons with HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the AETCs is to increase the number of health care providers who are effectively educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat, and medically manage individuals with HIV infection, and to help prevent high risk behaviors that lead to HIV transmission.

As part of an ongoing evaluation effort of AETC activities, information is needed on AETC training sessions, consultations, and technical assistance activities. Each regional center collects forms on AETC training events, and centers are required to report aggregate data on their activities to HRSA and the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB). This data collection provides information on the number of training events, including clinical trainings and consultations, as well as technical assistance activities conducted by each regional center, the number of health care providers receiving professional training or consultation, and the time and effort expended on different levels of training and consultation activities. In addition, information is obtained on the populations served by the AETC trainees, and the increase in capacity achieved through training events. Collection of this information allows HRSA/HAB to provide information on training activities, types of education, and training provided to Ryan White CARE Act grantees, resource allocation, and capacity expansion.

Trainees are asked to complete the Participant Information Form (PIF) for each activity they complete, and trainers are asked to complete the Event Record (ER). The estimated annual response burden to trainers as well as attendees of training programs is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
PIF	94,641	1	94,641	0.2	18,928.2
ER	16,417	1	16,417	0.2	3,283
Total	111,058		111,058		22,211.2

The estimated annual burden to AETCs is as follows:

	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total Responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Aggregate Data Set	12	2	24	32	768

The total burden hours are 22,979.2.

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, PhD., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10–33 Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: September 25, 2006.

Cheryl R. Dammons,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Notice of Meeting: Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given of the eleventh meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society (SACGHS), U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2006 and 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at the Marriott Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland-College Park, 3501 University Boulevard East, Adelphi, MD 20783. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. The meeting also will be Web cast.

The agenda topics include: Consideration of public comments on and finalization of the Committee's draft report, Policy Issues Associated With Undertaking a Large U.S. Population Cohort Project on Genes, Environment and Disease; a review of the Committee's draft report on pharmacogenomics; a session related to the impact of gene patents and licensing practices on patient access to genetic and genomic technologies; and updates on developments at FDA and CMS