

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Frequent Hemodialysis Network (FHN).

Date: January 4, 2008.

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: D. G. Patel, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 756, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-7682, pateldg@nidk.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: November 16, 2007.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee, December 3, 2007, 8 a.m. to December 5, 2007, 10:30 a.m., National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Floor 6C, 31 Center Drive, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD, 20892, which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 2007, 72 FR 218 page 63917.

On December 4, 2007, the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and begin again at 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. instead of meeting from 8

a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 15, 2007.

Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman; DHS CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission

AGENCY: Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; 30-day notice of information collections under review: DHS Form 7001, OMB Control Number 1601-0004.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, submits this extension for the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman is soliciting comments concerning an extension to an existing information collection, DHS CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission, DHS Form 7001. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2007, at 72 FR 54669, allowing for OMB review and a 60-day public comment period. Comments received by DHS are being reviewed as applicable. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 26, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Comments: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to Nathan Lesser, Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the CIS Ombudsman, Director of Communications, Mail Stop 1225, Washington, DC 20528-1225; telephone (202) 357-8100 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman.

Title: DHS CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission.

OMB No.: 1601-0004.

Frequency: One-time response.

Affected Public: Individuals or households. This information collection is necessary for CISOMB to identify problem areas, propose changes, and assist individuals experiencing problems during adjudication of an immigrant benefit with USCIS.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,600 respondents.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour per response.

Total Burden Hours: 2,600.

Total Burden Cost: (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost: (operating/maintaining): None.

Description: The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman (CISOMB), collects information to receive and process

correspondence received from individuals, employers, and their designated representatives to: (1) Assist individuals and employers in resolving problems during interactions with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); (2) identify areas in which individuals and employers have problems in dealing with USCIS; and (3) and to the extent possible, propose changes to mitigate problems as mandated by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Section 452.

Scott Charbo,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2419-07; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2007-0044]

RIN 1615-ZA57

Introduction of the Amended Form I-9 and the New Handbook for Employers

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is issuing this Notice to introduce the newly amended Form I-9, "Employment Eligibility Verification." Employers are required to use the Form I-9 to verify the identity and employment authorization of newly hired employees. The amended Form I-9 contains an updated list of acceptable identity and employment authorization documents that reflect the current regulations. As of November 7, 2007, the amended Form I-9 is the only valid version of the form. The Department of Homeland Security will not seek penalties against an employer for using a previous version of the Form I-9 on or before December 26, 2007.

DATES: This Notice is effective November 26, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Francis, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Verification Division, 470-490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW., Suite 8206, Washington, DC 20024; E-mail: employer.pilots@dhs.gov; Telephone: 1-888-464-4218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996

(IIRIRA), Public Law 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009 (Sept. 30, 1996), amended the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to reduce the number of documents that an employer may accept from newly hired employees when verifying their identity and employment eligibility (i.e., authorization) as required by law. IIRIRA section 412(a) (amending INA sec. 274A(b)(1), 8 U.S.C. 1324a(b)(1)). On September 30, 1997, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) published an interim rule, "Interim Designation of Acceptable Documents for Employment Verification," implementing those amendments. See 62 FR 51001. However, INS did not concurrently amend the Form I-9, "Employment Eligibility Verification," that employers must use to conduct the required verification to reflect the changes made by the interim rule. As a result, the Form I-9 (Rev. 05-31-05) contained an outdated list of acceptable documents.

In the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** accompanying the 1997 interim rule, the INS stated that it planned to issue a new Form I-9 in the context of a broader final rulemaking. While U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), which now maintains the Form I-9, still intends to pursue a broader rulemaking, given the long passage of time since the interim rule, allowing an outdated Form I-9 to remain in use has become untenable. Therefore, USCIS has amended the Form I-9 document list to be consistent with the regulations. On November 7, 2007, USCIS posted the amended Form I-9 on its Web site, at <http://www.uscis.gov>. The amended Form I-9 has a revision date of June 5, 2007, which is printed as "(Rev. 06/05/07)N" on the lower right corner of the form. As of November 7, 2007, this is the only valid version of the form.

This Notice introduces the newly amended Form I-9 (Rev. 06/05/07)N and instructs employers on its use.

II. Changes to Form I-9

A. List A—Revised

Because the 1997 interim rule was limited to Form I-9 List A documents, the amended Form I-9 reflects changes to the documents listed under List A only. List A documents are those that evidence both an individual's identity and employment eligibility. The amended Form I-9 no longer lists the following as List A documents: (1) The Certificate of United States Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561); (2) the Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570); (3) the Form I-151, a long out-of-date version of the Alien Registration Receipt Card ("green

card"); (4) the Unexpired Reentry Permit (Form I-327); and (5) the Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571).

The amended Form I-9 retains four types of acceptable List A documents: (1) The U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired); (2) the Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551); (3) an unexpired foreign passport with a temporary I-551 stamp; and (4) an unexpired Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766, I-688, I-688A, I-688B). All of these acceptable List A documents were carried over from the previous Form I-9, with the exception of the Form I-766, which is a new addition to List A. The amended Form I-9 also modifies one acceptable List A document. The List A document entitled, "unexpired foreign passport with an attached Form I-94 indicating unexpired employment authorization," has been replaced by "an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired Arrival-Departure Record, Form I-94, bearing the same name as the passport and containing an endorsement of the alien's nonimmigrant status, if that status authorizes the alien to work for the employer."

USCIS also has amended the order and organization of List A to track the regulations more directly. For example, the various Employment Authorization Documents are listed together as one category, and the unexpired foreign passport with temporary I-551 stamp is a separate entry from the unexpired passport with Form I-94 indicating an employer-specific work-authorized nonimmigrant status.

This updating of List A on the Form I-9 should help streamline the hiring process by providing employers with a better means of conforming their document acceptance practices with the requirements of the law. List A on the newly amended Form I-9 has been the regulatory List A since 1997, and, therefore, employers should not have been accepting documents not included in the regulatory list.

Given the discrepancy between the Form I-9 and the regulations, however, the INS and, subsequently, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) withheld enforcement of civil money penalties for violations associated with the changes made by the 1997 interim rule as a temporary transitional measure. 62 FR at 51002. With an amended Form I-9 now available that includes the correct List A, that policy is no longer necessary. Therefore, DHS has determined that the non-enforcement policy will cease as of December 26, 2007.