

merger transaction may find additional guidance in the reported bases for FDIC approval or denial in prior merger transaction cases compiled in the FDIC's annual "Merger Decisions" report. Reports may be obtained from the FDIC Public Information Center, 3501 North Fairfax Drive, Room E-1002, Arlington, VA 22226. Reports may also be viewed at <http://www.fdic.gov>.

III. Evaluation of Merger Applications

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4. *Consideration of the public interest.* The FDIC will deny any proposed merger transaction whose overall effect likely would be to reduce existing competition substantially by limiting the service and price options available to the public in the relevant geographic market(s), unless the anticompetitive effects of the proposed merger transaction are clearly outweighed in the public interest by the probable effect of the transaction in meeting the convenience and needs of the community to be served. For this purpose, the applicant must show by clear and convincing evidence that any claimed public benefits would be both substantial and incremental and generally available to seekers of banking services in the relevant geographic market(s) and that the expected benefits cannot reasonably be achieved through other, less anticompetitive means.

Where a proposed merger transaction is the least costly alternative to the probable failure of an insured depository institution, the FDIC may approve the merger transaction even if it is anticompetitive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Washington, DC, the 19th day of December, 2007.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Announcing a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The open meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. The closed portion of the meeting will follow immediately the open portion of the meeting.

PLACE: Board Room, First Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1625 Eye Street NW., Washington DC 20006.

STATUS: The first portion of the meeting will be open to the public. The final portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE OPEN PORTION: *Amendment to the Capital Structure Plan of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle.*

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE CLOSED PORTION: Periodic Update of Examination Program Development and Supervisory Findings.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shelia Willis, Paralegal Specialist, Office of General Counsel, at 202-408-2876 or williss@fhfb.gov.

Dated: February 12, 2008.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Neil R. Crowley,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: "*Feasibility of secure messaging for pediatric patients with chronic disease: Pilot implementation in pediatric respiratory medicine.*" In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 15, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by e-mail at doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427-1477, or by e-mail at doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Feasibility of Secure Messaging for Pediatric Patients With Chronic Disease: Pilot Implementation in Pediatric Respiratory Medicine

AHRQ proposes to evaluate how the implementation of a secure email messaging (e-messaging) system between clinicians and adolescent patients affects: (1) Time spent by providers communicating with patients, (2) Emergency Department utilization for medication refills, and (3) qualitative satisfaction with care of the patients. The study will be conducted in the Yale University School of Medicine Pediatric Respiratory Medicine Clinic.

Several studies have evaluated the use of e-mail between providers and patients and found that it is typically satisfactory to both, has not been abused by patients, and has not been used inappropriately for urgent items. Studies have not evaluated the use of e-mailing or secure messaging by children or adolescents with chronic diseases as well as their families. The setting of chronic disease provides a natural forum for discussion about the use of such technologies since these families may need more frequent contact with their care-providers, need more frequent medication refills, and may have close relationships with their providers that encourage a communication genre such as secure messaging.

In particular, because many adolescents are comfortable with text messaging and email, the investigators hypothesize that adolescent patients themselves may feel empowered to contact their providers using this medium. This potential shift to having adolescents communicate with the providers presents two main hypotheses of interest. (1) Adolescents may be more prone to send a message that may be of an urgent nature because of the sense that messaging is "instant" as well as a possible feeling of more privacy. This issue presents the concern that adolescents in particular could send a secure message about information that is potentially urgent in nature such as a severe asthma exacerbation or suicidal ideation. Such messages will need immediate attention. (2) Adolescents may be more apt to disclose questions about their care that they would not have otherwise brought up with the provider. By giving adolescents a medium where they feel comfortable communicating, clinicians may be able to better meet the medical and psychosocial needs of adolescents and their families.