

chronic diseases or conditions, and any associated cost savings. The TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) chose a phased approach to determine the efficacy and cost effectiveness of its disease management demonstration, beginning with beneficiaries identified with the disease states of asthma, congestive heart failure, and diabetes. TMA now intends to expand the disease management services to TRICARE Standard beneficiaries with the additional disease states of cancer, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and anxiety and depression disorders as well as continue the original disease states of asthma, congestive heart failure, and diabetes. This expansion and continuation of the DM demonstration project will be conducted under the authority provided in 10 U.S.C. 1092.

DATES: The expansion of the demonstration will be effective April 1, 2009 and will continue for a period of 2 years until March 31, 2011. The terms and conditions of the original demonstration notice will continue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Barry Cohen, Director of Healthcare Operations—TRICARE Management Activity, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206; telephone (703) 681-4029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For additional information on the TRICARE demonstration project for DM, please see 72 FR 32628-32629. The demonstration notice focused on explaining the differences between the DM benefits available to TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Prime beneficiaries and the manner in which DM services had been provided prior to the demonstration. The prior notice explained that for purposes of the demonstration, the Department of Defense (DoD) would waive, for these DM services provided to Standard beneficiaries, the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 1079(a)(13) and 32 CFR 199.4(g)(39) that expressly exclude clinical preventive services for TRICARE Standard beneficiaries. The prior notice also explained the enrollment process and cap on DM costs.

B. Description of Expansion of Demonstration Project

Under this demonstration, DoD has waived, for disease management services provided to TRICARE Standard beneficiaries, the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 1079(a)(13) and 32 CFR 199.4(g)(39) that expressly exclude clinical preventive services for TRICARE Standard

beneficiaries in the current benefit. The Military Health System (MHS) has enrolled TRICARE Standard beneficiaries in its DM programs. DM services provided to Standard beneficiaries have included, but have not been limited to: Clinical preventive examinations, patient education and counseling services, and periodic screening exams. MHS DM program costs have been capped not to exceed the amount approved by the contracting officer. The DM program costs are total costs of DM services provided to both Prime and Standard beneficiaries. Only those beneficiaries identified by the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) for disease management of asthma, congestive heart failure, and diabetes have been included in the current program. TMA is now expanding the demonstration by including the additional disease states of cancer, COPD, and anxiety and depression disorders. Beneficiaries identified by TMA are included in the DM program unless they choose to opt out. This action directly reduces variation across the system and results in improved consistency and quality for beneficiaries with targeted chronic illness, regardless of TRICARE classification. Furthermore, including TRICARE Standard beneficiaries in current DM efforts informs the MHS about total potential savings and return on investment (ROI) associated with DM, a stated requirement of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007. Continuing to provide the current three, and adding the additional three diseases to the system-wide DM program, will improve the quality of care of our beneficiaries. By educating patients about their disease and helping them manage their symptoms, many of the complications of these diseases can be avoided, possibly slowing the progression of their chronic disease, thus resulting in significant cost savings.

C. Implementation

The expansion of the demonstration will be effective on April 1, 2009. The terms and conditions of the original demonstration as provided in the Notice in 72 FR 32368-32369 will continue on that date.

D. Evaluation

An independent evaluation of the demonstration will be conducted. The evaluation will be designed to use a combination of administrative and survey measures of health care outcomes (clinical, utilization, financial, and humanistic measures) to provide analyses and comment on meeting its

goal of providing uniform disease management policies and practices across the MHS.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board will meet in closed session on May 13-14, 2009; at the Pentagon, Arlington, VA. The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will discuss interim finding and recommendations resulting from ongoing Task Force activities. The Board will also discuss plans for future consideration of scientific and technical aspects of specific strategies, tactics, and policies as they may affect the U. S. national defense posture and homeland security.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Debra Rose, Executive Officer, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at debra.rose@osd.mil, or via phone at (703) 571-0084.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that these Defense Science Board Quarterly meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), with the coordination of the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that all sessions of these meetings will be closed to the public because they will be concerned throughout with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Science Board. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Official at the address detailed

above, at any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Science Board. The Designated Federal Official will review all timely submissions with the Defense Science Board Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the Defense Science Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the National Defense University Visitors (BOV)

AGENCY: Department of Defense; National Defense University.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Defense University (NDU), Designated Federal Officer, has scheduled a meeting of the Board of Visitors. The National Defense University Board of Visitors is a Federal Advisory Board. The Board meets twice a year in proceedings that are open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 28-29, 2009 from 1130-1700 on the 28th and continuing on the 29th from 0800-1200.

ADDRESSES: The Board of Visitors meeting will be held at Building 62, Marshall Hall, Room 155, National Defense University, 300 5th Avenue, Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319-5066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The point of contact for this notice is Jeanette Tolbert @ (202) 685-3955, Fax (202) 685-3328 or TolbertJ@ndu.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board will discuss: State of the University, National Security Professional Development, Accreditation, and Federal Policy. The meeting is open to the public; limited space is made available for observers and will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.*, new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: March 10, 2009.

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Director, IC Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.
Title: Grants for the Centers for International Business Education Program.

Frequency: Every 5 years.
Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 1,000.

Abstract: This is an application package for institutions of higher education to apply for funding to the Title VI Centers for International Business Education program. This program provides grants to fund Centers for International Business Education that serve as national centers for teaching and research on international business subjects. The information and data provided in these applications will be used to evaluate the application and to select the most highly ranked applications for funding.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3960. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

International Energy Agency Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy