

telephone, email, or other electronic means as needed.

Background

The AHRQ Quality Indicators (AHRQ QIs) are a unique set of measures of health care quality that make use of readily available hospital inpatient administrative data. The QIs have been used for various purposes. Some of these include tracking, hospital self-assessment, reporting of hospital-specific quality or pay for performance. The AHRQ QIs are provider- and area-level quality indicators and currently consist of four modules: the Prevention Quality Indicators (PQI), the Inpatient Quality Indicators, the Patient Safety Indicators (PSI), and the Pediatric Quality Indicators (PedQIs). AHRQ is committed to converting the QIs from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM/PCS in an accurate and transparent manner, taking advantage of the additional specificity of ICD-10-CM/PCS to improve the validity and usefulness of the QIs, from October 2014 onward.

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Carolyn M. Clancy,
Director, AHRQ.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to

minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Hospice Quality Reporting Program; *Use:* Section 1814(i)(5) of the Social Security Act (the Act) added by section 3004 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, enacted on March 23, 2010 (Affordable Care Act) authorizes the Secretary to establish a quality reporting for hospices. Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i) of the Act requires the Secretary, beginning with FY 2014, reduce the market basket update by 2 percentage points for any hospice that does not comply with the quality data submission requirements with respect to that fiscal year.

The Hospice Quality Data Submission Form was created for hospice providers to collect specified quality data and submit that data to CMS, for the data collection period starting October 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, and continuing on a calendar year thereafter. Webinar training on data collection and data submission has been and will continue to be provided by CMS. Use of the Hospice Quality Data Submission Form is necessary in order for hospices to submit the quality data specified for the Hospice Quality Reporting Program. *Form Number:* CMS-10390 (OCN: 0938-1153); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Individuals and households; *Number of Respondents:* 3632; *Total Annual Responses:* 7264; *Total Annual Hours:* 657,392. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Robin Dowell at 410-786-0060. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by August 3, 2012:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options"

to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: May 29, 2012.

Martique Jones,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Division B, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5600-FA-17]

Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2012 Transformation Initiative: Choice Neighborhoods Demonstration Small Research Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Reform Act of 1989, Appendix A of this notice announces HUD's funding awards for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Transformation Initiative: Choice Neighborhoods Demonstration Small Research Grant Program ("Choice research grants").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Joice, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8120, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410. Paul.A.Joice@hud.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Choice research grants program is to fund research related to Choice Neighborhoods that complements other Choice Neighborhoods research being pursued by HUD. On January 19, 2012, HUD published the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing \$500,000 in funds available for the Choice research grants program. On February 22, 2012, HUD published a technical correction to the NOFA, to provide additional details about other

HUD-funded research on Choice Neighborhoods. Applications were due on March 27, 2012. The Department reviewed, evaluated, and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, and in accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, HUD has funded the applications announced below.

Dated: May 29, 2012.

Raphael W. Bostic,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

Appendix A

List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the Fiscal Year 2012 Transformation Initiative: Choice Neighborhoods Demonstration Small Research Grants Program

1. Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Address: 1115 Washington Street SE., Olympia, WA 98504-5204. Principal Investigator: Martha Galvez. Grant: \$198,027.

2. Portland State University (PSU). Address: PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751. Principal Investigator: Matthew Gebhardt. Grant: \$76,948.

3. University of California—Berkeley (UC). Address: 2150 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 300, Berkeley, CA 94794-5940. Co-Principal Investigators: Karen Chapple, Jason Corburn, and Malo Hutson. Grant: \$131,148.

4. International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Address: 777 North Capitol Street NE., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20002-4201. Principal Investigator: Ron Carlee. Grant: \$93,877.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

DATES: July 9, 2012, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Glenn Olds Hall Conference Room, 4210 University Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 “C” Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 271-5011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Public Advisory Committee was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The meeting agenda will include discussions and recommendations on the Trustee Council’s Fiscal Year 2013 annual budget and work plan.

Dated: May 29, 2012.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Call for Nominations to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior is seeking nominations to serve on the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). The NGAC is a Federal Advisory Committee established under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior through the Federal Geographic Data Committee related to management of Federal geospatial programs, development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 and Executive Order 12906. The Committee reviews and comments upon geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum for views of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community.

DATES: Nominations to participate on this Committee must be received by July 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations electronically to ngacnominations@fgdc.gov, or by mail to John Mahoney, U.S. Geological

Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior, 909 First Avenue, Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98104. Nominations may come from employers, associations, professional organizations, or other geospatial organizations and should include:

1. A nomination letter summarizing the nominee’s qualifications and interest in Committee membership and describing the nominee’s ability to represent a sector or stakeholder group.

2. A biographical sketch, resume, or vita.

3. One letter of reference and the names and contact information of two additional references.

4. Contact information for the nominee (name, title, organization, mailing address, email address, and phone number).

Additional information about the nomination process is posted on the NGAC Web page at www.fgdc.gov/ngac.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, USGS (206-220-4621).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of FACA. It reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) and functions solely as an advisory body. The Committee provides recommendations and advice to the Department and the FGDC on policy and management issues related to the effective operation of Federal geospatial programs.

The NGAC includes up to 30 members, selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various partners involved in national geospatial activities. NGAC members are appointed for staggered terms, and approximately 10 positions on the committee will be appointed during this round of appointments. Nominations will be reviewed by the FGDC and additional information may be requested from nominees. Final selection and appointment of committee members will be made by the Secretary of the Interior. Individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils.

The Committee meets approximately 3-4 times per year. Committee members will serve without compensation, but travel and per diem costs will be provided by USGS. The USGS will also provide necessary support services to the Committee. Committee meetings are open to the public. Notice of committee meetings are published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days before the date