DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby giving notice that the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) will hold a conference call. The call will be open to the public.

DATES: The call will be held January 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. (EST) to approximately 2:00 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The call-in number is 800–857–1237 and the participant pass code is 7293236.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PACHA was established by Executive Order 12963, dated June 14, 1996. The Council was established to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies intended to promote effective prevention of HIV disease and AIDS. The functions of the Council are solely advisory in nature.

The Council consists of not more than 25 members. Council members are selected from prominent community leaders with particular expertise in, or knowledge of, matters concerning HIV and AIDS, public health, global health, philanthropy, marketing or business, as well as other national leaders held in high esteem from other sectors of society. Council members are appointed by the Secretary or designee, in consultation with the White House Office on National AIDS Policy. The agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted on the Council’s Web site at www.aids.gov/pacha.

Pre-registration for the call is advisable and can be accomplished by contacting Caroline Talev at caroline.talev@hhs.gov. Members of the public will have the opportunity to listen in on the phone call.


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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404–639–7570 and send comments to Ron Otten, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov.

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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

National Disease Surveillance Program (OMB No. 0920–0009—Expiration 4/30/2013)—Extension—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Formal surveillance of 16 separate reportable diseases has been ongoing to meet the public demand and scientific interest in accurate, consistent, epidemiologic data. These ongoing disease reports include: Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), Cyclosporiasis, Dengue, Hantavirus, Kawasaki Syndrome, Legionellosis, Lyme disease, Malaria, Plague, Q Fever, Reye Syndrome, Tickborne Rickettsial Disease, Trichinosis, Tularemia, Typhoid Fever, and Viral Hepatitis. Case report forms from state and territorial health departments enable CDC to collect demographic, clinical, and laboratory characteristics of cases of these diseases. There are no changes since the last submission.

The purpose of the proposed study is to direct epidemiologic investigations, identify and monitor trends in reemerging infectious diseases or emerging modes of transmission, to search for possible causes or sources of the diseases, and develop guidelines for prevention and treatment. The data collected will also be used to recommend target areas most in need of vaccinations for selected diseases and to determine development of drug resistance. Because of the distinct nature of each of the diseases, the number of cases reported annually is different for each. There is no cost to respondents other than their time.
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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: New collection; Title: Home Health Change of Care Notice (HHCCN); Use: Home health agencies (HHAs) are required to provide written notice to original Medicare beneficiaries under various circumstances involving the initiation, reduction, or termination of services. The notice used in these situations has been the Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notice (HHABN), CMS–R–296. The HHABN, originally a liability notice specifically for HHA issuance, was first approved for use and implementation in 2000 with the home health prospective payment system transition. In 2006, the notice underwent significant modifications subsequent to the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals (2nd Circuit) in Lutwin v. Thompson. HHABN content and formatting were revised so that it could be used to provide beneficiaries with change of care notification consistent with HHA Conditions of Participation (COPs) in addition to its liability notice function. Three interchangeable option boxes were introduced to the HHABN to support the added notification purposes. Option Box 1 addressed liability, Option Box 2 addressed change of care for agency reasons, and Option Box 3 addressed change of care due to provider orders. HHABN Collection 0938–0781 last received PRA approval in 2009 following minor notice changes such as accessibility reformatting for compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 1998, and removal of the beneficiary’s health insurance claim number (HICN). In an effort to streamline, reduce, and simplify notices issued to Medicare beneficiaries, HHABN Option Box 1, the liability notice portion, will be replaced by the existing Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) which is approved by OMB (0938–0566), for conveying information on beneficiary liability. Written notices to inform beneficiaries of their liability under specific conditions have been available since the “limitation on liability” provisions in section 1879 of the Social Security Act were enacted in 1972 (Pub. L. 92–603). The ABN (CMS–R–131) is presently used by providers and suppliers other than HHAs to inform fee for service (FFS) Medicare beneficiaries of potential liability for certain items/services that might be billed to Medicare. The HHABN was developed specifically as the liability notice for HHA issuance. Since 2006, the HHABN has evolved to serve both liability and change of care notification purposes. Pursuant to a separate PRA package revising the use of the ABN, HHAs will now use the ABN for liability notification, and the HHCCN will be introduced as a separate, distinct document to give change of care notice in compliance with HHA conditions of participation. The HHCCN will replace both Option Box 2 and Option Box 3 formats of the HHABN. The single page format of the HHCCN is designed to specify whether the change of care is due to agency reasons or provider orders. Form Number: CMS–10280 (OCN: 0938–New); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 10,914; Total Annual Responses: 14,126,428; Total Annual Hours: 941,385. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Evelyn Blaemire at 410–786–1803. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)