

that will be vacated during the 2014 calendar year.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than October 28, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be mailed or delivered to Dr. Jerry Menikoff, Director, Office for Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852. Nominations will not be accepted by email or by facsimile.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Gorey, Executive Director, SACHRP, Office for Human Research Protections, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852, telephone: 240-453-8141. A copy of the Committee charter and list of the current members can be obtained by contacting Ms. Gorey, accessing the SACHRP Web site at [www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp](http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp), or requesting via email at [sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:sachrp@osophs.dhhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee provides advice on matters pertaining to the continuance and improvement of functions within the authority of HHS directed toward protections for human subjects in research. Specifically, the Committee provides advice relating to the responsible conduct of research involving human subjects with particular emphasis on special populations such as neonates and children, prisoners, the decisionally impaired, pregnant women, embryos and fetuses, individuals and populations in international studies, investigator conflicts of interest and populations in which there are individually identifiable samples, data or information.

In addition, the Committee is responsible for reviewing selected ongoing work and planned activities of the OHRP and other offices/agencies within HHS responsible for human subjects protection. These evaluations may include, but are not limited to, a review of assurance systems, the application of minimal research risk standards, the granting of waivers, education programs sponsored by OHRP, and the ongoing monitoring and oversight of institutional review boards and the institutions that sponsor research.

**Nominations:** The OHRP is requesting nominations to fill three positions for voting members of SACHRP that are scheduled to become vacant during 2014. Nominations of potential candidates for consideration are being sought from a wide array of fields, including, but not limited to: Public

health and medicine, behavioral and social sciences, health administration, and biomedical ethics. To qualify for consideration of appointment to the Committee, an individual must possess demonstrated experience and expertise in any of the several disciplines and fields pertinent to human subjects protection and/or clinical research.

The individuals selected for appointment to the Committee can be invited to serve a term of up to four years. Committee members receive a stipend and reimbursement for per diem and any travel expenses incurred for attending Committee meetings and/or conducting other business in the interest of the Committee. Interested applicants may self-nominate. Nominations may be retained and considered for future vacancies.

Nominations should be typewritten. The following information should be included in the package of material submitted for each individual being nominated for consideration: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominator's name, address, daytime telephone number, and the home and/or work address, telephone number, and email address of the individual being nominated; and (3) a current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Federal employees should not be nominated for consideration of appointment to this Committee.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of HHS Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function. Every effort is made to ensure that individuals from a broad representation of geographic areas, women and men, ethnic and minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership on HHS Federal advisory committees. Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status.

Individuals who are selected to be considered for appointment will be required to provide detailed information regarding their financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts. Disclosure of this information is necessary in order to determine if the selected candidate is involved in any activity that may pose a potential

conflict with the official duties to be performed as a member of SACHRP.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

**Jerry Menikoff,**

*Director, Office for Human Research Protections, Executive Secretary, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Office of Minority Health: Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part A, Office of the Secretary, Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at Chapter AC, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, as last amended at 60 FR 56605-06 (November 9, 1995), 60 FR 18418-19 (April 11, 1995), 60 FR 471-473 (January 4, 1995), 58 FR 7140 (February 4, 1993), and 57 FR 13750-51 (April 7, 1992) and as established at 50 FR 50847-48 (December 12, 1985). This amendment establishes the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health as reporting directly to the Secretary and administratively supported by the Assistant Secretary for Health. The change is as follows:

I. Under Part A, Chapter AC.20, "Functions," Section C, "Office of Minority Health," delete the first paragraph, which begins with "The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health serves," and replace with the following:

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health serves as the Director of the Office of Minority Health and principal advisor to the Secretary for health program activities that address minority populations, develops policies for the improvement of the health status of minority populations, and coordinates all PHS minority health activities. The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health reports directly to the Secretary and is administratively supported by the ASH.

II. Delegations of Authority: All delegations and re-delegations of authority made to officials and employees of affected organizational components will continue in them or their successors pending further redelegations.

Dated: September 19, 2013.

**Kathleen Sebelius,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Project

Prevalence Survey of Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs) and Antimicrobial Use in U.S. Acute Care Hospitals—Reinstatement—(0920-0852 exp 5/31/13)—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Preventing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) is a CDC priority. An essential step in reducing the occurrence of HAIs is to estimate accurately the burden of these infections in U.S. hospitals, and to describe the types of HAIs and causative organisms.

The scope and magnitude of HAIs in the United States were last directly estimated in the 1970s in which comprehensive data were collected from a sample of 338 hospitals; 5% of hospitalized patients acquired an infection not present at the time of admission. Because of the substantial resources necessary to conduct hospital-wide surveillance in an ongoing manner, most of the more than 4,500 hospitals now reporting to the CDC's current HAI surveillance system, the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN 0920-0666 expiration 1/31/15), focus instead on device-associated and procedure-associated infections in selected patient locations, and do not report data on all types of HAIs occurring hospital-wide. Periodic assessments of the magnitude and types of HAIs occurring in all patient populations within acute care hospitals are needed to inform decisions by local and national policy makers and by hospital infection control personnel regarding appropriate targets and strategies for HAI prevention.

During 2008–2009 in the previous project period, CDC developed a pilot protocol for HAI point prevalence survey, conducted over a 1-day period at each of nine acute care hospitals in one U.S. city. This pilot phase was followed in 2010 by a phase 2, limited roll-out HAI and antimicrobial use prevalence survey, conducted during July and August in 22 hospitals across 10 Emerging Infections Program (EIP) sites (in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, and Tennessee). Experience gained in the phase 1 and phase 2 surveys was used to conduct a full-scale, phase 3 survey in 2011, involving 183 hospitals in the 10 EIP sites. Over 11,000 patients were surveyed, and

analysis of HAI and antimicrobial use data is ongoing at this time.

This reinstatement is sought, to allow a repeat HAI and antimicrobial use prevalence survey to be performed in 2014. A repeat survey will allow further refinement of survey methodology and assessment of changes over time in prevalence, HAI distribution, and pathogen distribution. It will also allow for a re-assessment of the burden of antimicrobial use, at a time when antimicrobial stewardship is an area of active engagement in many acute care hospitals. The 2014 survey will be performed in a sample of up to 500 acute care hospitals, drawn from the acute care hospital populations in each of the 10 EIP sites (and including participation from many hospitals that participated in prior phases of the survey). Infection prevention personnel in participating hospitals and EIP site personnel will collect demographic and clinical data from the medical records of a sample of eligible patients in their hospitals on a single day in 2014, to identify CDC-defined HAIs. The surveys will provide data for CDC to make estimates of the prevalence of HAIs across this sample of U.S. hospitals as well as the distribution of infection types and causative organisms. These data can be used to work toward reducing and eliminating healthcare-associated infections—a Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Healthy People 2020 objective (<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/overview.aspx?topicid=17>). This survey project also supports the CDC Winnable Battle goal of improving national surveillance for healthcare-associated infections (<http://www.cdc.gov/winnablebattles/Goals.html>).

There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The estimated annualized burden is 6,325 hours.

| Respondents                   | Form name                                  | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) |
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| Infection Preventionist ..... | Healthcare Facility Assessment (HCA) ..... | 500                   | 1                                  | 45/60                                  |
| Infection Preventionist ..... | Patient Information Form (PIF) .....       | 500                   | 42                                 | 17/60                                  |