Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 255.

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L’Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments 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) 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Karl Koerper,
Reports Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; NIH Loan Repayment Program (Clinical and Pediatric Researchers).
Date: April 24, 2015.
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.
Place: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Keystone Building, 530 Davis Drive, Suite 3118, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (Virtual Meeting).
Contact Person: RoseAnne M McGee, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research and Training, Nat. Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–30, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (919) 541–0752, mcgee1@niehs.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation; Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 25, 2015.
Carolyn Baum,
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2014–N–0563]

Odalys Fernandez: Debarment Order

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is issuing an order under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act) debarring Odalys Fernandez from providing services in any capacity to a person that has an approved or pending drug product application for a period of 6 years. FDA bases this order on a finding that Ms. Fernandez was convicted of five felony counts under Federal law for conduct involving health care fraud, and one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, and that this pattern of conduct is sufficient to find that there is reason to believe she may violate requirements under the FD&C Act relating to drug products. Ms. Fernandez was given notice of the proposed debarment and an opportunity to request a hearing within the timeframe prescribed by regulation. Ms. Fernandez failed to request a hearing. Ms. Fernandez’s failure to request a hearing constitutes a waiver of her right to a hearing concerning this action.

DATES: This order is effective March 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications for termination of debarment to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenny Shade, Division of Enforcement, Office of Enforcement and Import Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, 12240 Parklawn Dr. (ELEM–4144), Rockville, MD 20857. 301–796–4640.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 306(b)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 335a(b)(2)(B)(i)(I)) permits debarment of an individual if FDA finds that the individual has been convicted of a felony under Federal law for conduct which involves bribery, payment of illegal gratuities, fraud, perjury, false statement, racketeering, blackmail, extortion, falsification or destruction of records, or interference with, obstruction of an investigation into, or prosecution of any criminal offense, and FDA finds, on the basis of the conviction and other information, that such individual has demonstrated a pattern of conduct sufficient to find that there is reason to believe the individual may violate requirements under the FD&C Act relating to drug products.


FDA’s finding that debarment is appropriate is based on the felony convictions referenced herein. The factual basis for these convictions is as follows: Ms. Fernandez was a registered nurse working for Ideal Home Health Inc. (Ideal), which was a business in Miami-Dade County, FL. Ideal purportedly provided skilled nursing services to Medicare beneficiaries who required home health services. As a
Ms. Fernandez had legal and professional obligations to ensure that she had administered insulin injections and provided other medical services to Medicare beneficiaries. She caused Ideal to submit false and fraudulent claims to Medicare for home health benefits by falsely representing that she had provided these health services. As a result of these fraudulent claims, she caused Medicare to make payments to Ideal of approximately $82,040. Ms. Fernandez engaged in this criminal conduct repeatedly over a period of approximately 19 months.

As a result of her convictions, on September 8, 2014, FDA sent Ms. Fernandez a notice by certified mail proposing to debar her for 6 years from providing services in any capacity to a person with an approved or pending drug product application. The proposal was based on the finding, under section 306(b)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the FD&C Act, that Ms. Fernandez was convicted of felonies under Federal law for conduct involving health care fraud and conspiracy to commit health care fraud, and the Agency found, on the basis of the conviction and other information, that Ms. Fernandez had demonstrated a pattern of conduct sufficient to find that there is reason to believe she may violate requirements under the FD&C Act relating to drug products. This conclusion was based on the fact that Ms. Fernandez had legal and professional obligations to ensure that she submitted accurate medical claims for services she provided. Instead, Ms. Fernandez submitted, and caused the submission of, false weekly visit/time record sheets and false daily blood sugar/insulin log sheets. She engaged in this conduct repeatedly over a period of almost 2 years. Her convictions indicate that she knowingly and willfully disregarded her legal and professional obligations to keep accurate medical records and to submit accurate claims for the services she provided. Having considered the conduct that forms the basis of her conviction and the fact that this conduct occurred in the course of her profession and showed a disregard for the obligations of her profession and the law, FDA found that Ms. Fernandez has demonstrated a pattern of conduct sufficient to find that there is reason to believe that, if she were to provide services to a person that has an approved or pending drug application, she may violate requirements under the FD&C Act relating to drug products. The proposal offered Ms. Fernandez an opportunity to request a hearing, providing her with 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter in which to file the request, and advised her that failure to request a hearing constituted a waiver of the opportunity for a hearing and of any contentions concerning this action. The proposal was received on September 12, 2014. Ms. Fernandez failed to respond within the timeframe prescribed by regulation and has, therefore, waived her opportunity for a hearing and has waived any contentions concerning her debarment (21 CFR part 12).

II. Findings and Order

Therefore, the Director, Office of Enforcement and Import Operations, Office of Regulatory Affairs, under section 306(b)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the FD&C Act, under authority delegated to the Director (Staff Manual Guide 1410.35), finds that Odalys Fernandez has been convicted of five counts of a felony and one count of conspiracy to commit a felony under Federal law for conduct involving health care fraud and, on the basis of the conviction and other information, finds that Ms. Fernandez has demonstrated a pattern of conduct sufficient to find that there is reason to believe she may violate requirements under the FD&C Act relating to drug products. Based on the factors under section 306(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the FD&C Act, FDA finds that each offense be accorded a debarment period of 3 years. In the case of a person debarred for multiple offenses, FDA shall determine whether the periods of debarment shall run concurrently or consecutively (section 306(c)(2)(A)(ii)). FDA has concluded that the 3-year periods of debarment for the five counts of health care fraud shall run concurrently. The 3-year period of debarment for the conspiracy conviction shall run consecutively to the periods of debarment for health care fraud convictions, resulting in a total debarment period of 6 years.

As a result of the foregoing findings, Odalys Fernandez is debarred for 6 years from providing services in any capacity to a person with an approved or pending drug product application under sections 505, 512, or 802 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 355, 360b, or 382), or under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262), effective (see DATES) (see sections 201(dd), 306(c)(1)(B), and 306(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the FD&C Act, (21 U.S.C. 321(dd), 335a(c)(1)(B), and 335a(c)(2)(A)(iii)). Any person with an approved or pending drug product application who knowingly employs or retains as a consultant or contractor, or otherwise uses the services of Ms. Fernandez in any capacity during her debarment, will be subject to civil money penalties (section 307(a)(6) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 335b(a)(6))). If Ms. Fernandez provides services in any capacity to a person with an approved or pending drug product application during her period of debarment she will be subject to civil money penalties (section 307(a)(7) of the FD&C Act). In addition, FDA will not accept or review any abbreviated new drug applications submitted by or with the assistance of Odalys Fernandez during her period of debarment (section 306(c)(1)(A) of the FD&C Act).

Any application by Ms. Fernandez for termination of debarment under section 306(d)(4) of the FD&C Act should be identified with Docket No. FDA–2014–N–0563 and sent to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES). All such submissions are to be filed in four copies. The public availability of information in these submissions is governed by 21 CFR 10.20.

Publicly available submissions may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: March 24, 2015.

Leslie Kux,
Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2010–D–0500]

Early Clinical Trials With Live Biotherapeutic Products: Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control Information; Guidance for Industry; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; requests for comments.