

reconsideration, if no hearing has been scheduled; or the parties who were sent a copy of the notice of hearing, if a hearing has been scheduled. This revision implements changes to 42 CFR 405.1010(b)(1) (84 FR19862), and identifies the copy requirement for appeals where an appeal has been escalated to OMHA, but has not been scheduled. Sections 6.7.3.1 and 6.7.3.3 of this chapter are revised to clarify that an attorney adjudicator may also grant additional time for submissions.

OCPM Chapter 9: Request and Correspondence Intake, Docketing, and Assignment—Section 9.3.4

This chapter was initially released on February 1, 2019, and was included in a quarterly notice published in the May 3, 2019 **Federal Register** (84 FR 19086). Section 9.3.4 of this chapter describes how OMHA appeal numbers are assigned for new appeals. This revision adds a note clarifying that if a single request for hearing or review identifies more than one reconsideration number, OMHA will process each reconsideration number as a separate request for purposes of assigning appeal numbers, but will assign the appeals to the same adjudicator to the extent possible for administrative efficiency.

OCPM Chapter 14: Scheduling and Noticing for Prehearing Conferences and Hearings—Sections 14.5.4, 14.6.7.4

This chapter was initially released on September 28, 2018, and was included in a quarterly notice published in the November 14, 2018 **Federal Register** (83 FR 56859). Section 14.5.4 is revised to clarify that CMS has designated the AdQIC to receive notices of hearing. Section 14.6.7.4 of this chapter describes when the hearing format may be changed. Previously, this section stated that if a party other than an unrepresented beneficiary who filed a request for hearing requests a VTC hearing or in-person hearing, concurrence of the Associate Chief ALJ was necessary to grant the request. This revision clarifies that the concurrence of the Associate Chief ALJ is only required to grant a request for an in-person hearing.

OCPM Chapter 18: Requests for Information and Remands—Sections 18.1.1.2, 18.1.5, 18.1.7.2, 18.2.2, 18.4.3

This chapter was initially released on November 30, 2018, and was included in a quarterly notice published in the January 31, 2019 **Federal Register** (84 FR 763). Sections 18.1.1.2 and 18.1.5 of this chapter describe how an OMHA adjudicator may issue a request for information if he or she believes that the

written record is missing information essential to resolving the issues on appeal. This revision clarifies that a request for information may be made for an official copy of a dismissal of a request for redetermination or reconsideration. Section 18.1.7.2 of this chapter lists actions an OMHA adjudicator may take if the missing information is not submitted within the applicable time frame. This revision added a note that a remand is authorized when the entity that conducted the reconsideration does not respond to a request for a case file, or does respond but is unable to furnish the requested case file. This note further states that case file requests are not requests for information made under 42 CFR 405.1034(a) or 423.2034(a). Rather, as discussed at 84 FR 19866, they are made in accordance with joint operating procedures between OMHA and the entity that conducted the reconsideration. Section 18.2.2 of this chapter explains that if the missing information is not provided, an OMHA adjudicator may remand the appeal. This revision clarifies that if an official copy of a dismissal of a request for redetermination or reconsideration is not received, an OMHA adjudicator may issue a remand to the entity that conducted the reconsideration, or its successor, to reconstruct the record or, if unable to do so, initiate a new appeal adjudication. Section 18.4.3 of this chapter explains the circumstances under which a remand may be reviewed. This revision clarifies that a remand issued because an official copy of a dismissal of a request for redetermination or reconsideration or case file cannot be obtained from the QIC may be subject to review by the Chief ALJ or designee in accordance with revisions to 42 CFR 405.1056(g) and 423.2056(g) that became effective on July 8, 2019 (84 FR 19866).

OCPM Chapter 20: Post-Adjudication Actions—Sections 20.7.1.3, 20.7.5.6, 20.7.7.3, 20.8.4, 20.8.5.6, 20.8.6.1, 20.8.7.2, 20.11.4

This chapter was initially released on May 25, 2018, and was included in a quarterly notice published in the August 7, 2018 **Federal Register** (83 FR 38700). Sections 20.7.1.3 and 20.7.5.6 of this chapter previously stated a dismissal may be vacated within 6 months of the date of the notice of dismissal. This revision updates the time frame from 6 months to 180 calendar days in accordance with revisions to 42 CFR 405.1052(e) and 423.2052(e) that became effective on July 8, 2019 (84 FR 19857). Section 20.7.7.3 of this chapter updates the form number for the Order

Vacating Dismissal from OMHA–180 to OMHA–181. Section 20.8.4 of this chapter is revised to clarify that a request for review of a remand may only be filed with OMHA Central Operations. Section 20.8.5.6 of this chapter is revised to clarify that requests for a copy of administrative records are made directly through OMHA Central Operations. Section 20.8.6.1 of this chapter removed an incorrect statement that an OMHA adjudicator must make a request for information before issuing a remand for a missing case file. The remand order is authorized under 42 CFR 405.1056(a)(2). Chapter 20.8.7.2 of this chapter is revised to clarify that the re-established appeal number is used with the Notice of Vacated Remand and Order Vacating Remand. Chapter 20.11.4 of this chapter describes how an adjudicator responds to a Council remand order for missing evidence or information. Previously, this section stated that if the adjudicator is able to furnish the requested evidence or information, the complete administrative record was returned to the Council at the address specified in the Council's remand order. This revision states the records shall be returned to the Council at the address specified in OCPM 19.1.2.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special

Emphasis Panel; HHS–NIH–CDC SBIR PHS 2020–1 Topic 78: Sequence-based Assays to Quantify the Replicon-Competent HIV Reservoir.

Date: February 3, 2020.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Yong Gao, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, Room #3G13B, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9823, Rockville, MD 20892–7616, (240) 669–5048, yong.gao@nih.gov.

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National Institutes of Health

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Name of Committee: Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research Committee (AITC).

Date: February 26–27, 2020.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Hotel, Tapestry Collection by Hilton, Ballroom D, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: NIDCR Special Grants Review Committee: NIDCR Special Grants Review Meeting (DSR).

Date: February 20–21, 2020.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites DC Convention Center, 900 10th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Contact Person: Latarsha J. Carithers, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 672, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–4859, latarsha.carithers@nih.gov.

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; ZAI1–AWA–M–M1 PAR–16–413 NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project.

Date: January 23, 2020.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Annie Walker-Abbey, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, National Institutes of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3E70A, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 627–3390 aabbey@niaid.nih.gov.

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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