

f. Comprehensiveness of the plan to protect the rights and confidentiality of all participants.

g. Thoroughness of statistical analysis plans, including data cleaning, management, and substantive analyses, and plans for timely provision of data for pooled analyses.

h. Extent to which study proposal demonstrates agreement to comply with multi-site research requirements (e.g., common protocol, data collection, and computer and data management systems).

i. The degree to which the applicant has met the HHS Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of ethnic and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes: (1) the proposed plan for the inclusion of racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation; (2) the proposed justification when representation is limited or absent; (3) a statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted;

j. Provide a statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with communities and recognition of mutual benefits.

k. Provide general time line for conducting the research and a detailed time line for the first year of the study, including measurable process objectives for the first year of the study.

3. Demonstration of Staff's Capability to Conduct Research (20 points)

a. Applicant's ability to carry out the proposed research as demonstrated by the training, experience, and expertise of the principal investigator and the proposed research team and organizational setting, including demonstration of ability to collect, manage, and analyze accurate data in a timely manner.

b. Evidence of plan for establishing a partnership with at least one community based organization to link participants with prevention and medical services as needed, and to consult on study procedures as needed.

c. Demonstration of epidemiologic, behavioral intervention, clinical, administrative, and management expertise needed to conduct the proposed research.

d. Demonstration that principal investigator and staff have experience working with the targeted population of study participants.

e. Demonstration that investigative team includes a staff member with expertise in qualitative formative data analysis.

4. Staffing, Facilities, and Time-Line (15 points)

a. Availability of qualified personnel with realistic and sufficient percentage-time commitments (including an estimated staffing plan for years in which intervention activities will occur); clarity of the described duties and responsibilities of project personnel including clear lines of authority and supervisory capacity over the behavioral, epidemiologic, clinical, administrative, data management, and statistical aspects of the research.

b. Adequacy of the facilities, equipment, data processing and analysis capacity, and systems for management of data security and participant confidentiality.

c. Adequacy of base staff to keep pace with anticipated workload.

d. Adequacy of time-line for conducting the research.

5. Other (not scored)

a. Budget: The extent to which it is reasonable, clearly justified, consistent with the intended use of funds, and allowable. All budget categories should be itemized.

b. Human Subjects: The application adequately address the requirements of Title 45 CFR Part 46 for the protection of human subjects.

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with original plus two copies of

1. annual progress reports;
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period; and
3. final financial status and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to the Grants Management Specialist identified in section J ("Where to Obtain Additional Information") of this document.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program. For a complete description of each, see Attachment 1 in the application kit.

- AR-1 Human Subjects Requirements
- AR-2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research
- AR-4 HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Provisions
- AR-5 HIV Program Review Panel Requirements
- AR-6 Patient Care
- AR-7 Executive Order 12372 Review
- AR-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
- AR-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR-11 Healthy People 2010

AR-12 Lobbying Restrictions

AR-22 Research Integrity

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under sections 301(a) and 317 (k)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, [42 U.S.C. section 241(a) and 247b(k)(2)], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.943.

J. Where to Obtain Additional Information

This and other CDC announcements can be found on the CDC home page Internet address—<http://www.cdc.gov> Click "Funding" then "Grants and Cooperative Agreements."

If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management technical assistance may be obtained from:

Lynn Mercer, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement #02136, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2920 Brandywine Rd. Room 3000, Mailstop E-15, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone: (770) 488-2810, E-mail address: lzm2@cdc.gov.

For program technical assistance, contact: Craig Studer, Deputy Chief, Behavioral Intervention Research Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention—IRS, National Center for HIV, STD, TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E-37, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 639-1900, E-mail address: CStuder@cdc.gov.

Dated: May 20, 2002.

Edward J. Schultz,

Acting Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee Meeting: Cancelled.

NAME: Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (MSHRAC) Meeting—Cancelled.

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m.–2 p.m., May 22, 2002.

PLACE: Teleconference call will originate at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health, Atlanta, Georgia. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details on accessing the teleconference.

STATUS: Meeting cancelled. Published in the **Federal Register**: April 17, 2002, Volume 67, Number 74, page 18911.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lewis Wade, Executive Secretary, MSHRAC, NIOSH, CDC, HHHB HHH 715H, P12, Washington, DC 20201-0004, telephone 202/401-2192.

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Dated: May 20, 2002.

John C. Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting:

Name: Safety and Occupational Health Study Section (SOHSS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., June 27, 2002. 8 a.m.—5 p.m., June 28, 2002.

Place: The Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, telephone 202/797-2000.

Status: Open 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m., June 27, 2002. Closed 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., June 27, 2002. Closed 8 a.m.—5 p.m., June 28, 2002.

Purpose: The Safety and Occupational Health Study Section will review, discuss, and evaluate grant application(s) received in response to the Institute's standard grants review and funding cycles pertaining to research issues in occupational safety and health, and allied areas. It is the intent of the NIOSH to support broad-based research endeavors in keeping with the Institute's program goals. This will lead to improved understanding and appreciation for the magnitude of the aggregate health burden associated with occupational injuries and

illnesses, as well as to support more focused research projects, which will lead to improvements in the delivery of occupational safety and health services and the prevention of work-related injury and illness. It is anticipated that research funded will promote these program goals.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will convene in open session from 8:30–9:30 a.m. on June 27, 2002, to address matters related to the conduct of Study Section business. The remainder of the meeting will proceed in closed session. The purpose of the closed sessions is for the SOHSS to consider safety and occupational health-related grant applications. These portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6) title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Charles N. Rafferty, Ph.D., NIOSH Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4114, MSC 7816, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, telephone 301/435-3562, fax 301/480-2644.

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Dated: May 17, 2002.

John Burckhardt,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Application by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) for Approval of Deeming Authority for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed notice.

SUMMARY: This proposed notice announces the receipt of an application from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), for recognition as a national accreditation program for ambulatory surgical centers that wish to

participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. The Social Security Act requires that the Secretary publish a notice identifying the national accreditation body making the request, describing the nature of the request, and providing at least a 30-day public comment period.

DATES: We will consider comments if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on June 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-2141-PN. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. Mail written comments (one original and three copies) to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-2141-N, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be timely received in the event of delivery delays.

If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses: Room 443-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Comments mailed to the addresses indicated as appropriate for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and could be considered late.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura A. Weber, (410) 786-0227.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Inspection of Public Comments:* Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, at the headquarters of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment to view public comments, phone (410) 786-7197.

Copies: To order copies of the **Federal Register** containing this document, send your request to: New Orders, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Specify the date of the issue requested and enclose a check or money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or enclose your Visa or Master Card number and expiration