

significantly expand the health care options available to Medicare beneficiaries and result in a greater number of beneficiaries enrolling in so-called "managed care" plans than ever before. Therefore, we believe that it is crucial that the organizations offering these plans have effective compliance programs in place. In fact, one of the conditions necessary to contract with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) as an M+C organization is that the organization must "have administrative and management arrangements satisfactory to HCFA," including a compliance program that consists of specified elements (42 CFR 422.501(b)(3)(vi)). These elements are similar to the elements the OIG has identified in its previous compliance program guidances.

The OIG has determined that it would be appropriate to issue compliance program guidance for a subset of M+C organizations, i.e., those that offer coordinated care plans. As defined by the HCFA in 42 CFR 422.4(a)(1), a CCP is "a plan that includes a network of providers that are under contract or arrangement with the organization to deliver the benefit package approved by HCFA," and includes "health maintenance organizations (HMOs), provider-sponsored organizations (PSOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), religious and fraternal benefit and other network plans (except network MSA plans)." *Id.*

Voluntary in Nature

Compliance program guidance represents the OIG's suggestions on how entities can best establish internal controls and monitoring to correct and prevent fraudulent activities. The contents of the guidance should not be viewed as mandatory or as an exclusive discussion of the advisable elements of a compliance program. While the elements that the OIG considers necessary for a comprehensive compliance program are similar to the elements HCFA has included in its conditions to contract as an M+C organization, the planned guidance is intended to present voluntary guidance to the industry, and not represent binding standards for M+CO/CCPs.

Areas for Comment and Input in Developing This Guidance

We are seeking, through this **Federal Register** notice, formal input from all interested parties as the OIG begins developing compliance program guidance directed at M+CO/CCPs. The OIG will give consideration to all comments, recommendations and

suggestions submitted and received by the time frame indicated above.

We anticipate that the M+CO/CCP guidance will contain the seven elements that we consider necessary for a comprehensive compliance program. These seven elements have been discussed in our previous guidances and include:

- The development of written policies and procedures;
- The designation of a compliance officer and other appropriate bodies;
- The development and implementation of effective training and education;
- The development and maintenance of effective lines of communication;
- The enforcement of standards through well-publicized disciplinary guidelines;
- The use of audits and other evaluation techniques to monitor compliance; and
- The development of procedures to respond to detected offenses and to initiate corrective action (including reporting to appropriate governmental authorities)

We would appreciate specific comments, recommendations and suggestions on (1) risk areas for the M+CO/CCPs, and (2) aspects of the seven elements contained in previous guidances that may need to be modified to reflect the unique characteristics of M+CO/CCPs. Detailed justifications and empirical data supporting suggestions would be appreciated. We are also hopeful that any comments, recommendations and input be submitted in a format that addresses the above topics in a concise manner, rather than in the form of comprehensive draft guidance that mirrors previous guidance.

Dated: September 11, 1998.

June Gibbs Brown,
Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) National Advisory Council in September 1998.

The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual

grant applications and contract proposals. Therefore the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4) and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, Section 10(d).

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact listed below.

Committee Name: Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: September 18, 1998.

Place: The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, 5515 Security Lane, Rockwall II Building, 9th Floor, Room 901, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Closed: September 18, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Yuth Nimit, Ph.D., 5515 Security Lane, Rockwall II Building, Suite 901, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone: (301) 443-8455.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

Jeri Lipov,

Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The collection of information described below has been submitted to OMB for reinstatement under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or phone number listed below. **DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before October 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222 ARLSQ, 1849

C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240, Telephone 703/358-2287.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey L. Horwath, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, Arlington, Virginia, at 703/358-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service has submitted the following information collection clearance requirements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of OMB Control Number 1018-0070 under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public L. 104-13. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, the OMB should receive public comments by October 22, 1998. The Service may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. A 60-day notice inviting public comment on this information collection requirement previously was published in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 1998 (63 FR 15854). No comments on the previous notice were received. Pursuant to this request for approval, comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 authorizes the Service to allow the incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of marine mammals during a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) in a specified geographical region. Prior to allowing these takes, the Service must find that the total of such taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stocks, and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the species or stocks for subsistence uses by Alaska Natives.

The information proposed to be collected by the Service will be used to evaluate applications for specific incidental take regulations to determine

whether such regulations, and subsequent Letters of Authorization (LOA), should be issued; the information is needed to establish the scope of specific incidental take regulations. The information is also required to evaluate the impact of activities on the species or stocks of the marine mammals, and on their availability for subsistence uses by Alaskan Natives. It will ensure that all available means for minimizing the incidental take associated with a specific activity are considered by applicants.

The Service estimates that the burden associated with this request will be a total of 1,100 hours for the full three year period of OMB authorization. Two hundred hours will be required to complete the initial request for specific regulations. For each LOA expected to be requested and issued subsequent to issuance of specific regulations, the Service estimates that 20 hours will be invested: 8 hours will be required to complete each request for an LOA, 4 hours will be required for monitoring activities, and 8 hours will be required to complete each monitoring report. The Service estimates that five companies will be requesting LOAs and submitting monitoring reports annually for each of three sites in the region covered by the specific regulations.

Title: Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency of collection: Biannually.

Description of respondents: Oil and gas industry companies.

Number of respondents: 5 for each of 3 active sites per year.

Estimated completion time: For the initial year only, a 200 hour application burden is estimated. For the initial year and annually thereafter, 8 hours per LOA, 4 hours for monitoring, and 8 hours per monitoring report are estimated for each of 5 companies for each 3 active sites (20 hours \times 5 companies \times 3 sites).

Burden estimate: 200 hours (only in initial year for application). 300 hours (for initial year and annually thereafter).

Dated July 30, 1998.

Hannibal Bolton,

Acting Assistant Director-Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Meeting of Klamath Fishery Management Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The objective of this meeting is to review the 1998 Klamath chinook salmon fishing season and plan for fishery management in 1999. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 1998; from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 1998; and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 1998.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Ship Ashore Resort, 12370 Highway 101 North, Smith River, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1215 South Main), Yreka, California 96097-1006, telephone (530) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Klamath Council, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: September 15, 1998.

Cynthia U. Barry,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec.