

Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Subcommittee on Standards and Security Workgroup on Computer-based Patient Records.

Time and Date: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., March 29, 1999—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., March 30, 1999.

Place: Room 705A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The working group will hold hearings on standards for patient medical record information and their electronic transmission focusing on message standards, models for message standards, and the quality of the data found in patient medical record information.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from J. Michael Fitzmaurice, Ph.D., Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, #602, Rockville, MD 20852, phone: 301-594-1483, x1052; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>, where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: March 5, 1999.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Community/Tribal Subcommittee to the Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry; Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the following subcommittee meeting.

Name: Community/Tribal Subcommittee (CTS).

Times and Dates: 12:30 a.m.-5 p.m., March 25, 1999. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., March 26, 1999.

Place: Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303, telephone 404/659-1400.

Status: Open to the public, limited by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Purpose: This subcommittee will bring to the Board of Scientific Counselors advice and citizen input, as well as recommendations on community and tribal programs, practices, and policies of the Agency. The subcommittee will report directly to the Board of Scientific Counselors.

Matters to be Discussed: Issues and concerns of the Community/Tribal Subcommittee relates to ATSDR's community and tribal programs. ATSDR will present issues and concerns on which it wishes community/tribal input. Policies and activities will be identified and recommendations for the Agency will be developed. The subcommittee will discuss CTS procedures; ways and means of outreaching to communities affected by hazardous substances in the environment; issues in the implementation of medical monitoring; possibilities for providing funding to communities to obtain their own health study expertise; the specific problems with Federal facilities and community access to health services. A report will be prepared and presented to the Board of Scientific Counselors.

Contact Person for More Information: Stephen Von Allmen, Principal ATSDR Contact, ATSDR, M/S E-28, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone 404/639-0708.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: March 5, 1999.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Project

Title: Family Preservation and Family Support (FP/FS) Services Implementation Study—State Level Data Collection

OMB No.: 0970-0137

Description: Participants in the implementation of the FP/FS Program will provide information necessary for reauthorization of Title IV-B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act and provide feedback to ACF necessary to determine the need for future policy guidance and to refine the nature and scope of technical assistance.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government and Not-for-Profit Institutions.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
State Level Data Collection	150	1	0.849	127.40

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 127.40

In Compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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 Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. 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.

Dated: March 4, 1999.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Medicare Program; Meetings of the Competitive Pricing Demonstration Area Advisory Committee, Kansas City Metropolitan Area

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces four meetings of the Area Advisory Committee for the Kansas City metropolitan area Competitive Pricing Demonstration.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology. The BBA requires the Secretary to appoint an Area Advisory Committee (AAC) in the designated areas to advise on the marketing and pricing of the plan and

other factors. AAC meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled for March 26, 1999, from 9:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.s.t.; April 8, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.d.s.t.; April 22, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.d.s.t.; and May 12, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.d.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The March 26, April 8, and April 22, 1999, meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Kansas City, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. The May 12, 1999, meeting will be held at the Hilton-Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW. 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard P. Brummel, Deputy Regional Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Richard Bolling Federal Building, Room 235, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 426-5233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4011 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology.

Section 4012(a) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint a Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee to make recommendations concerning the designation of areas for the project and appropriate research designs for implementation. Once an area is designated as a demonstration site, section 4012(b) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint an Area Advisory Committee (AAC) to advise on the marketing and pricing of the plan in the area along with other factors.

This notice announces four meetings of the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC. The meetings will be held on:

- March 26, 1999, from 9:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.s.t., at the Crowne Plaza Kansas City, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.
- April 8, 1999, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.d.s.t., at the Crowne Plaza Kansas City, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.
- April 22, 1999, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.d.s.t., at the Crowne Plaza Kansas City, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.
- May 12, 1999, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.d.s.t., at the Hilton-Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW. 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153.

The Kansas City metropolitan area AAC will meet four times for the

purpose of advising the Secretary on how the project will be implemented. The AAC is currently being assembled and will be composed of representatives of health plans, providers, and Medicare beneficiaries in the area. In accordance with section 4012(b) of the BBA, the AAC will exist for the duration of the project in the area, expected to be 5 years from the January 1, 2000, start date.

The Kansas City metropolitan area AAC will hold its first meeting on March 26, 1999. The agenda will include an introduction of the AAC members, a discussion of background materials related to the demonstration design, a presentation of the AAC mission, and a discussion of the process that will be utilized to provide advice on the implementation of the Medicare Competitive Pricing Demonstration.

The second meeting on April 8, 1999, will include a discussion and possible decisions on risk adjustment and the bidding process, various options on the government contribution or payment, the standard benefit package, and any other outstanding issues.

The third meeting on April 22, 1999, will continue discussion, and include possible decisions, on the government contribution or payment, the standard benefit package, and any other outstanding issues.

The fourth meeting on May 12, 1999, will summarize decisions made in earlier meetings and continue discussions and make final decisions on any outstanding issues from the previous meetings.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues listed above should contact the Kansas City Deputy Regional Administrator by 12 noon for each of the following days:

- March 18, 1999, for the first meeting.
 - March 30, 1999, for the second meeting.
 - April 14, 1999, for the third meeting.
 - May 4, 1999, for the fourth meeting.
- Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Kansas City Deputy Regional Administrator by 12 noon for each of the following days:
- March 19, 1999, for the first meeting.
 - April 1, 1999, for the second meeting.
 - April 16, 1999, for the third meeting.
 - May 6, 1999, for the fourth meeting.

The meetings are open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.