

verification of digital certificates issued by Participants, and post collateral to secure claims under any warranty issued by the Participant.

Company would develop, maintain, and enforce the rules governing the operation of, and participation in, the Network, and provide other services designed to facilitate the certification activities of Participants and operation of the Network. These activities would include issuing digital certificates to Participants and maintaining a current database of digital certificates that have been issued. Company and Participants would engage in a wide range of data processing and data transmission activities in connection with their proposed activities. A more complete description of the proposed activities of Company, Notificants, and other Participants is contained in the notices.

Section 4(c)(8) of the BHC Act provides that a bank holding company may, with Board approval, engage in any activity that the Board has determined (by order or regulation) to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. The Board previously has determined that certain data processing and data transmission services are closely related to banking for purposes of section 4(c)(8) of the BHC Act, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(14) of Regulation Y. Notificants contend that all of the proposed activities are so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto, or are activities that are incidental to permissible activities, pursuant to § 225.21(a)(2) of Regulation Y.

In determining whether the proposal satisfies the proper incident to banking standard of section 4(c)(8) of the BHC Act, the Board must consider whether consummation of the proposal can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices." 12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8). Notificants contend that consummation of the proposal will facilitate the development of electronic commerce and will have a beneficial effect on competition for identity certification and related services.

In publishing the proposal for comment, the Board does not take a position on the issues raised by the proposal. Notice of the proposal is published solely to seek the views of interested persons on the issues presented by the proposal and does not

represent a determination by the Board that the proposal meets, or is likely to meet, the standards of the BHC Act. The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Banks indicated above and at the offices of the Board of Governors. Any request for a hearing on the notices must be accompanied by a statement of reasons explaining why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 23, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

### Appointments to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

**AGENCY:** General Accounting Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of appointments.

**SUMMARY:** The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 establishes the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, with members to be appointed by the Comptroller General. A recent amendment to the Act expanded the membership of the Commission from 15 to 17. This notice announces five appointments to fill the vacancies occurring this year, and two appointments to carry out the expansion.

**DATES:** Appointments effective May 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The General Accounting Office is at 441 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20548. The Office of the Chairman of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission is at Suite 800, 1730 K St., NW, Washington DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** General Accounting Office: Paul T. Wagner, 202-512-7257; Medicare Payment Advisory Commission: Murray N. Ross, 202-653-7220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This announces the appointment of seven members of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, effective May 1, 1999.

The Commission originally comprised 15 members, appointed by the Comptroller General. A recent amendment expanded the membership of the Commission to 17. Members are generally appointed to 3-year terms,

except that some terms of members are staggered in order to spread term expiration dates.

All terms now end on April 30 of the year in which they expire. This year, the terms of five of the original members will expire.

To fill the five impending vacancies, expand the Commission's membership to 17, and to comply with the requirement for staggered terms, we announce the following seven appointments, effective May 1, 1999:

Beatrice S. Braun, M.D.; Floyd D. Loop, M.D.; Janet Newport; Carol Raphael; and Mary K. Wakefield, Ph.D.; to 3-year terms, which expire April 30, 2002; Spencer Johnson, to a 2-year term, which expires April 30, 2001; and Donald T. "Ted" Lewers, M.D., to a 1-year term, which expires April 30, 2000.

**David M. Walker,**

*Comptroller General of the United States.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following request for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 and is essential to the mission of the Department. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 authorized the Department of Labor (DoL) to implement a new grant program to fund state and local efforts to get the hardest-to-serve welfare recipients into employment. The statute directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to develop a plan to evaluate how Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grants to states and tribes have been used. An interim evaluation report is due to Congress by January 1, 1999, and a final report is due by January 1, 2001.

Implementation of the WtW programs among grantees has proven slower than

expected. This has delayed early exploratory site visits under the evaluation, which in turn has delayed development of the protocols for in-depth site visits which draw on information gathered from exploratory visits. Following normal clearance procedures would affect later phases of contract work and cause delays in the delivery of future reports.

DHHS is requesting that OMB grant 180 day emergency approval by May 14, 1999.

**Title and Description of Information Collection:** Site Visit Protocols for the Multi-site Evaluation of the Welfare-to-Work Grants Program—NEW—As required by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, DHHS is conducting an evaluation of the effectiveness of welfare-to-work initiatives undertaken through competitive and formula grants awarded by the US Department of Labor (DoL). DHHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, in conjunction with DoL and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has designed an evaluation that will involve several rounds of data collection from grantees, affiliated agencies and grant program participants. The information collection instruments in this request for OMB approval consist of discussion protocols and focus group guides for site visits to WtW grantees that are part of the core evaluation's process and implementation analysis, and protocols for the tribal component of the evaluation. *Respondents:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments, Not-for-profit Institutions; *Burden Information for the Discussion Protocols—Number of Respondents:* 300; *Number of Responses per Respondent:* one; *Average Burden per Response:* one hour; *Total Burden for Discussion Protocols:* 300 hours—*Burden Information for Focus Groups—Number of Respondents:* 360; *Number of Responses per Respondent:* one; *Average Burden per Response:* 1.5 hours; *Total Burden for Focus Groups:* 540 hours. *Burden Information for the Tribal Evaluation Instruments—Number of Respondents:* 220; *Number of Responses per Respondent:* one; *Average Burden per Response:* .86 hour; *Total Burden for Tribal Evaluation Instruments:* 190 hours. *Total Burden:* 1,030 hours.

To request more information or a copy of the proposed data collection, please contact Alana Landey on 202-401-6636.

**Comments are invited 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) ways to enhance 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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be immediately sent directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Comments may be faxed to Ms. Eydt at 202-395-5167.

Please send a copy of your comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, 20201.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

**Dennis P. Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### [Program Announcement 99088]

#### State Grants To Support the Evaluation of 5 A Day Nutrition Programs; Notice of Availability of Funds

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with the National Cancer Institute (NCI) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a grant program to support the evaluation of 5 A Day Nutrition Programs. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000" priority area of Nutrition (please see background section included in appendix).

The purpose of the program is to support State efforts to evaluate 5 A Day nutrition intervention programs.

##### B. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are the official public health agencies of States or their bona fide agents. This includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Northern

Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments, that are licensed by NCI for the 5 A Day Program; and have established, clearly-defined, measurable, long-range 5 A Day for Better Health projects in a specific community channel (e.g., supermarkets, schools, etc.).

##### C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$535,000 is available in FY 1999, to fund approximately 7 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$75,000, ranging from \$55,000 to \$90,000. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about September 30, 1999, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 1 year. Funding estimates may change.

##### Recipient Financial Participation

Awards under this announcement will not be sufficient to fully support an applicant's proposed activities, but are meant to be used in conjunction with other resources—whether direct funding or in-kind contributions—that the applicant may have available.

##### D. Program Requirements

Applicants should propose an evaluation plan for a clearly defined, established, long-range effort (e.g., sustainable after program funding under this announcement ends) in one or more specific community channels in accordance with the following definitions:

##### 1. Clearly Defined Objectives

Intervention objectives are clearly stated; activities necessary to accomplish objectives are described, to include who is responsible for each activity and when they will be accomplished; and work is done within a specific channel with a defined target audience.

##### 2. Established 5 A Day Program

The applicant has a developed, ongoing 5 A Day Program. Evaluating pretested or piloted interventions is desirable.

##### 3. Evaluation Plan

Clear, measurable evaluation objectives and expected outcomes are defined with appropriate statistical power. Use of current theoretical frameworks to guide the evaluation study is desirable. A combination of process and impact objectives is also desirable, with outcome objectives where feasible. In designing the study, consideration should be given to the