

MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

**Purpose:** This Study Team is charged with locating, evaluating, cataloguing, and copying documents that contain information about historical chemical or radionuclide releases from facilities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory since its inception. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the goals, methods, and schedule of the project; provide a forum for community interaction; and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns to CDC.

**Matters To Be Discussed:** Agenda items include presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and/or its contractor regarding the information gathering project that is beginning, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and ATSDR regarding the progress of current studies. There will be time for public input, questions, and comments.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Paul G. Renard, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-35, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724. Telephone 770-488-7040, Fax 770-488-7044.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Meeting.

**Name:** Meeting to discuss "Developing a National Occupational Research Agenda for Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders."

**Time and Date:** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., March 8, 1999.

**Place:** Houston Marriott Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079. Telephone 281/558-8338.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 70 people. Seating will be limited to approximately 50 people.

**Purpose:** To request public assistance in identifying research gaps in the area of work-related musculoskeletal disorders. NIOSH and its partners are developing a plan to establish a National Occupational Research Agenda on work-related musculoskeletal disorders. The working team includes members from NIOSH, other government agencies, industries, and academia. In order to obtain maximum input from practitioners, academic and corporate researchers, and organizations sponsoring research, the team adopted a multi-phase approach for seeking input on the national research agenda. The first phase, which has recently been completed, involved three public meetings with industrial practitioners and was performed in Chicago, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. The meetings included representatives from diverse industry sectors, including light and heavy manufacturing; warehouse and transportation; office environments; acute and long-term health care; forest products; construction and maritime; and agriculture and food processing. A list of research gaps was identified. The working team is moving into the second phase and is seeking individual input from academicians, researchers, and others on which research gaps could be completed within five years and if any gaps have been missed.

**Contacts for More Information:** Thomas Waters, Ph.D., NIOSH, CDC, M/S P03/C24, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226. Telephone 513/533-8510. Hongwei Hsiao, Ph.D., NIOSH, CDC, M/S P119, 1095 Willowdale Road, Morgantown, WV 26505. Telephone 304/285-5910.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; Title of Information Collection: Suggestion Program on Methods to Improve Medicare Efficiency and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 420.410; Form No.: HCFA-R-0255 (OMB# 0938-new); Use: The HCFA-4000 regulation establishes a program to encourage individuals to submit suggestions that could improve the efficiency of the Medicare program. Suggestions must contain a description of an existing problem or need; a suggested method for solving the problem or filling the need; and, if known, an estimate of the

savings potential that could result from implementing the suggestion. If the suggestion is adopted, a payment amount will be determined based either on the actual first-year net savings, or the average annual net savings expected to be realized over a period of not more than three years.; Frequency: On occasion; Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, and State, Local or Tribal government; Number of Respondents: 400; Total Annual Responses: 400; Total Annual Hours: 134.

2. *Type of Information Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Quality Improvement System for Managed Care (QISMC); *Form Number:* HCFA-R-0260 (OMB approval #:0938-0745); *Use:* The primary purpose of the QISMC standards and guidelines is to implement regulatory requirements relating to Medicare and Medicaid managed care organizations' operation and performance in the areas of quality measurement and improvement, delivery of health care, and enrollee services. For Medicare, the QISMC document is equivalent to a program manual. For Medicaid, the standards and guidelines are tools for States to use at their discretion in ensuring the quality of managed care organizations with Medicaid contracts. These standards parallel many of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 quality assurance provisions. *Frequency:* Annual; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 952; *Total Annual Responses:* 952; *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 1 hour.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of Medicare+Choice (M+C) Medical Savings Account (MSA) Demonstration, Insurer Survey Component; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0274 (OMB #0938-new); *Use:* This survey instrument is designed for insurers to determine their marketing plans regarding high deductible health insurance plans for Medicare beneficiaries to be used in conjunction with MSA. The Insurer Survey is part of a larger evaluation of the M+C MSA demonstration mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The overall evaluation plan includes collecting data on use of and payment for medical services from Medicare MSA enrollees through an addition to the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey sample, collecting data from beneficiaries who disenroll from M+C MSA plans, and collecting data from insurers about their reactions to the

M+C MSA demonstration.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.; *Number of Respondents:* 350; *Total Annual Responses:* 350; *Total Annual Hours:* 155.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Collection of Assessment Information on Three Federal Government Web Sites: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), [www.4woman.gov](http://www.4woman.gov), and [www.healthfinder.gov](http://www.healthfinder.gov); *Form Nos.:* HCFA-R-268 (OMB No. 0938-0756); *Use:* The purpose of the bounceback forms is to provide feedback to the government agencies that provide the web sites. The information collected through the bounceback forms will be used with other information collected about the web sites through focus groups, interviews, and expert evaluations. The combined information will guide future improvements to the web sites. Currently, there is no plan to distribute the information, other than through public health, medical, or other professional journals, in which we may report the results; *Frequency:* Users will have the opportunity to complete the bounceback form whenever they exit the web site; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 636,555; *Total Annual Responses:* 212,185; *Total Annual Hours:* 21,221.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Feedback Questionnaire; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0271 (OMB# 0938-new); *Use:* The Educational and Health Promotion Group (EHPG) develops materials for beneficiary-centered education, and makes efforts to improve beneficiary ability to make informed health decisions. The purpose of this collection is post-distribution testing. One Feedback Questionnaire will be placed in each box of bulk mailings, on the back of a publication information sheet, and reorder forms. The distributor is given the option of completing the questionnaire. Those who choose to complete the questionnaire will be providing EHPG with valuable information that will assist in improving future versions of the publication.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Federal Government, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local, or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 20,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 500.