

Mayes (HCFA, 410 786-6872), lead staff for the Computer-based Patient Record Working Group. Information about the NCVHS is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website, or from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245.

Dated: March, 3, 2000.

**James Scanlon,**

*Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of Program Systems, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, and HHS Executive Staff Director NCVHS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), of the Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning February 19, 2000, through February 19, 2002.

For further information, contact Edward L. Baker, M.D., Executive Secretary, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, m/s G-25, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone 770/488-2402, fax 770/488-2420, e-mail elb1@cdc.gov.

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 6, 2000.

**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

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Request for Nominations of Candidates To Serve on the Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The Public Health Service is soliciting nominations for possible membership on the Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research. The Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, on establishment of a research agenda and the conduct of a research program pertaining to energy-related epidemiologic studies. Advice and recommendations cover a number of important areas, including the appropriate interaction between the Committee and Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the direction HHS should take in establishing a research agenda, development of a research plan, and the respective roles of HHS and DOE in energy-related health research.

Nominations are being sought for the fields of energy-related epidemiologic research and public health, including occupational and environmental health; representatives of public interest groups; and representatives of affected parties (e.g., workers and community residents). Federal Employees will not be considered for membership. Members may be invited to serve a one, two, three, or four-year term. Close attention will be given to minority and female representation; therefore, nominations from these groups are encouraged.

The following information must be submitted: Name of nominee, affiliation, address, telephone and fax number and a current curriculum vitae or resume. Nominations should be sent, in writing, and be postmarked by April 1, 2000, to: Kitty Armstrong, Committee Management Specialist, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE (MS E-39), Atlanta,

Georgia 30333. Telephone or fax submissions cannot be accepted.

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 CDC and ATSDR.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

**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

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Title:* Procedures for Requests to use Child Care and Development Funds for Construction of Major Renovation of Child Care Facilities.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0160.

*Description:* The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, as amended, allows Indian Tribes to use Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant awards for construction and renovation of child care facilities. A tribal grantee must first request and receive approval from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) before using CCDF funds for construction or major renovation. This information collection contains the statutorily-mandated uniform procedures for the solicitation and consideration of requests, including instructions for preparation of environmental assessments in conjunction with the National Environmental Policy Act. The proposed draft procedures update and clarify the original procedures that were issued in August 1997. Respondents will be CCDF tribal grantees requesting to use CCDF funds for construction or major renovation.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Construction and Renovation .....	25	1	20	500
<i>Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours</i> .....				500

*Additional Information:* In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of 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, Division of Information Resource Management 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 6, 2000.

**Bob Sargis,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**South Carolina's State Child Support Enforcement Plan; Appeal**

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

**ACTION:** Notice of appeal.

**SUMMARY:** By designation of the Administration for Children and Families, a member of the Departmental Appeals Board has been appointed as the presiding officer for an appeal of the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) proposed disapproval of South Carolina's State Child Support Enforcement Plan submitted pursuant to the Social Security Act. ACF asserts that there are no facts in dispute, and has requested that South Carolina's request for a hearing be denied and a decision be made on the existing record. The purpose of this notice is to give interested parties an opportunity to participate.

**REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE:** Requests to participate as a party or as amicus curiae must be submitted to the Departmental Appeals Board in the form specified at 45 CFR § 213.15 by March 27, 2000. Within that time, those persons or organizations seeking participation as parties or amici may file petitions or request extensions of time for submitting petitions to participate, and may also contact the Board to obtain copies of the briefs that the parties have filed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey Sacks, Staff Attorney, Departmental Appeals Board, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 635-F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Telephone Number (202) 690-8011, jsacks@os.dhhs.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of appeal is hereby given as set forth in the following letter, which has been sent to the State of South Carolina.

Washington, DC, (date)

Virginia Williamson, General Counsel, South Carolina Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 1520, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-1520

and

Robert E. Keith, Associate General Counsel

Linda Grabel, Assistant General Counsel, Children, Families and Aging Division, Room 411-D, HHH

Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201

Counsel: This letter is in response to the State of South Carolina's (State) request for a hearing to contest the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) proposed disapproval of the State's plan for implementing Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity).

The basis for the proposed disapproval is South Carolina's failure to submit by October 1, 1997 a state IV-D plan certifying that it is operating an automated data processing and information retrieval system for child support, as required by section 454(24)(A) of the Social Security Act (Act).

I have designated M. Terry Johnson, a Departmental Appeals Board Member, as the presiding officer pursuant to 45 CFR 213.21. ACF and the State are now parties in this matter. 45 CFR 213.15(a). South Carolina has conceded that it does not have an approvable automated data processing and information retrieval system for child support. The parties therefore agreed that prior to any factual presentation, they would brief the threshold legal questions of whether ACF has the authority to grant South Carolina relief from noncompliance short of disapproval of its state plan, and what the applicable standard for such relief would be. If the presiding officer rules that relief other than disapproval of the state plan is authorized by statute or regulation, an evidentiary hearing would be provided at which South Carolina could present evidence regarding the circumstances that prevented its compliance with the requirement that it have a statewide automated child support enforcement system.

The parties have briefed this threshold issue before the presiding officer. South Carolina argued that ACF has the discretion to grant relief short of disapproving its IV-D plan. South Carolina argued that federal agencies such as ACF generally have inherent, equitable authority to create exemptions from statutory requirements, such as the requirement of plan approval, on a case-by-case basis, and that South Carolina's