

the amount of time it will take respondents to submit cover letters, letters of authorization, and sample

statements with their NDA's or ANDA's as set forth in the draft guidance.

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN<sup>1</sup>

| NDA's and ANDA's         | No. of Respondents | Number of Responses per Respondent | Total Annual Responses | Hours per Response | Total Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Cover letters            | 50                 | 1                                  | 50                     | 1/2                | 25          |
| Letters of authorization | 20                 | 1                                  | 20                     | 1/2                | 10          |
| Sample statements        | 1                  | 1                                  | 1                      | 1/2                | .5          |
| Total                    |                    |                                    |                        |                    | 35.5        |

<sup>1</sup>There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

*Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-1130-N]

#### Medicare Program; March 27, 2000, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2000, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., e.s.t.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room 800, Penthouse, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Rudolf, M.D., J.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 435-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-7874. News media representatives should contact the HCFA Press Office, (202) 690-6145. Please refer to the HCFA Advisory Committees Information Line (1-877-449-5659 toll free)/(410-786-9379 local) or the Internet (<http://www.hcfa.gov/fac>) for additional information and updates on committee activities.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Department of Health

and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the consultation must occur before publication of the proposed changes. The Council submits an annual report on its recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, each of whom has submitted at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare or Medicaid in the previous year. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members must be doctors of medicine or osteopathy authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the States in which they practice. Members have been invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms. In accordance with section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action before the end of the 2-year term. The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992.

The current members are: Jerold M. Aronson, M.D.; Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Wayne R. Carlsen, D.O.; Mary T. Herald, M.D. (pending re-appointment); Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Stephen A. Imbeau, M.D.; Jerilynn S. Kaibel, D.C.; Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; Derrick K. Latos, M.D.; Dale Lervick, O.D.; Sandra B. Reed, M.D.; Susan Schooley, M.D.; Maisie Tam, M.D.; Victor Vela, M.D.; and Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D. The

Council Chairperson is Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; a new chair is to be appointed.

New Council members and a new Chairperson will be sworn in during the meeting (schedule to be determined). A brief introduction and training program to familiarize the new members with their responsibilities and expectations as Council members will be conducted starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 10 a.m.

Following this orientation session, the agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following topics:

- Collection of outpatient encounter data for risk adjustment in Medicare+Choice;
- Implementation issues for physicians; and
- Educating physicians on data collection requirements;
- Changing roles of Carrier Advisory Committees;
- Issues concerning education of physicians;
- The design of Advance Beneficiary Notices; and
- Practicing physicians' issues concerning the Medicare Provider Enrollment Form.

For additional information and clarification on the topics listed, call the contact person listed above.

Individual physicians or medical organizations that represent physicians that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on agenda issues should contact the Executive Director by 12 noon, March 13, 2000, to be scheduled. Testimony is limited to listed agenda issues only. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the presenter's oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 12 noon, March 20, 2000, for distribution to Council members for review prior to the meeting. Physicians and organizations not scheduled to speak may also submit written comments to the Executive Director and Council members. The meeting is open

to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodation should contact John Lanigan at (202) 690-7418 at least 10 days before the meeting.

(Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 45 CFR part 11)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: March 6, 2000.

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,**

*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources And Services Administration

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

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

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.

#### Proposed Project: The Black Lung Clinic Program Guidelines (42 CFR 55a) (OMB No. 0915-0081) Extension

The purpose of the Black Lung Clinic Program (BLCP) is to stimulate and encourage local public and private agencies to improve the health status of coalworkers and to increase coordination with other programs to assist the coalworkers population. The goal of the BLCP is to provide services to minimize the effects of respiratory and pulmonary impairments of coal miners. Grantees provide specific diagnostic and treatment procedures required in the management of problems associated with black lung disease which improve the functional status, *i.e.*, "quality of life", of the miner and reduces economic costs associated with morbidity and mortality arising from pulmonary diseases.

This request is for approval of the application requirements which are included in the program guidelines and the program regulation (42 CFR 55a.201 and 55a.301). Grantees must submit applications annually for continued grant support. The regulations outline the requirements for grant applications for States (55a.201) and the entities other than States (55a.301). The program guidelines further elaborate on these requirements.

The grant application form is cleared under another OMB approval (OMB No. 0920-0428). The burden for completing the application is not reflected in the Black Lung clearance request because the burden is reported in the clearance of the application form. The current request for clearance includes on hour of burden, to keep the clearance of the program-specific application requirements on the OMB database.

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

**Jane Harrison,**

*Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of April 2000.

**NAME:** National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP).

**DATE AND TIME:** April 6, 2000; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; April 7, 2000; 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

**PLACE:** Doubletree Hotel Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The meeting is open to the public.

**Agenda:** Updates on and discussion of Department, Agency, Bureau, and Division activities, and the legislative and budget status of programs; report of COGME/NACNEP joint planning workgroup; discussion of final draft of the National Agenda for Nursing Workforce Diversity report; update on funding allocation methodology; MedPAC; report on medical errors; and Council strategic planning workgroups on Workforce and Practice.

Anyone interested in obtaining a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information should write or contact Ms. Elaine G. Cohen, Executive Secretary, National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, Parklawn Building, Room 9-35, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone (301) 443-5786.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

**Jane M. Harrison,**

*Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Use of Thymosin $\beta$ 4 for Wound Healing Applications; Correction

The notice published in the February 28, 2000 **Federal Register**—announcing the prospective grant of an exclusive license for use of thymosin  $\beta$ 4 for wound healing applications (65 FR 10505)—incorrectly listed one of the serial numbers for the subject invention as "60/094,960" under the **SUMMARY** section. NIH is publishing this notice to correct this serial number to read "60/094,690." In view of this correction, to allow interested parties adequate time to respond, the **DATES** section is also amended to read "Only written comments and/or license applications