

competitive continuation to a cooperative agreement with the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) in support of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to support research to understand the impacts of welfare reform and welfare to work programs on low-income individuals, families, and the communities in which they live, with an emphasis on urban areas.

ASPE will have substantial involvement in all stages of the project, including: identifying potential questions that could be answered using the data; prioritizing among them based on the available resources; determining appropriate methods of data analysis; reviewing draft papers and reports; and assisting in their dissemination.

The goal of ASPE in entering into this cooperative agreement is to improve our understanding of the impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 in urban areas.

Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under section 1110 of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1310) and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-78).

Background

Assistance will be provided to MDRC. No other applications are solicited. ASPE is committed to supporting high-quality research in the area of welfare policy, and has a particular interest in understanding the effects of welfare reform in urban areas. Most welfare reform studies to date have not been in large cities, and thus have not addressed the challenges posed by high levels of unemployment and by concentrated poverty. These questions are critical because caseloads have not declined as much in cities as in other parts of the country, and also because the lessons from urban areas may be applicable elsewhere in the case of an economic downturn.

ASPE believes that MDRC is uniquely qualified to work with ASPE to meet this goal for the following reasons:

1. The Project on Devolution and Urban Change presents a unique opportunity to learn about the implementation and impacts of welfare reform in four large urban areas "Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Miami. MDRC has an ongoing working relationship with key officials in each city and has already obtained

commitments from the state and local governments in these areas to provide extensive longitudinal administrative data for research purposes.

2. This project brings together data from an unusually wide array of sources: longitudinal administrative data for all families receiving AFDC/TANF or Food Stamps dating back to 1992; survey data; an implementation study; neighborhood indicators; an institutional study focusing on local service providers; and an ethnographic study of a limited number of families. This will allow the researchers to capture effects that might be missed in one approach, and to improve our understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of each approach. It is unlikely that this breadth of sources could be replicated. MDRC has assembled a multi-disciplinary team of distinguished researchers to collect and analyze this data.

3. This project leverages a substantial commitment of private sector funding. Of the total \$20.4 million cost of the Project on Devolution and Urban Change, over \$16 million has already been committed by private funders, with an additional \$1.7 million in pending proposals. This funding allows for a breadth of research far beyond what could be purchased with the federal support alone.

4. MDRC is one of the pre-eminent institutions in the area of welfare and welfare-to-work research, having conducted projects in over 400 communities in 40 states. MDRC has developed a reputation for objective, high-quality work. This project will involve several of MDRC's senior researchers, as well as consultants who are recognized as leaders in their areas of concentration.

Approximately \$900,000 is available in FY 2000 for a one-year project period of this cooperative agreement. A portion of this support is provided by the Administration for Children and Families, HHS, and the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Office of Human Services Policy, ASPE, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room 404E, Washington, DC, 20201 or telephone: 202 690-6808.

Dated: August 2, 2000.

Margaret A. Hamburg,
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports; Notice of September 7-8 and October 11-12 Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of September 7-8 and October 11-12 Meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the third and fourth meetings of the Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports (the Panel). These meetings are open to the public.

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463 (the Federal Advisory Committee Act), the Panel was established on August 12, 1999, by the Secretary of HHS to review the methods and assumptions underlying the annual reports of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds.

DATES: The third meeting will be held on September 7, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and September 8, 2000 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The fourth meeting will be held on October 11, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and October 12, 2000 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Headquarters, Conference Center, Room C-112, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ariel Winter, Executive Director, Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 442E, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20201, (202) 690-6860, medpanel@osaspe.dhhs.gov. Additional information is also available on the Panel's web site: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/medpanel.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Trustees of the Medicare Trust Funds (the Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Funds) report annually on the funds' financial condition. The reports

describe the trust funds' current and projected financial condition, within the next 10 years (the short term) and over the subsequent 65 years (the long term). The Medicare Board of Trustees has directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services (who is one of the Trustees) to establish a panel of technical experts to review the assumptions and methods underlying the HI and SMI annual reports.

The panel's review will include the following four topics:

1. Medicare assumptions (e.g., utilization rates, medical price increases)
2. Projection methodology (how assumptions are used to make cost projections)
3. Long-range growth assumptions for HI and SMI
4. Use of stochastic forecasting techniques.

The Panel will issue its findings in reports to the Secretary and the other Trustees.

The Panel consists of six members who are experts in the fields of economics and actuarial science: Dale Yamamoto, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., F.C.C.A., E.A., B.S.—Chair; Len Nichols, Ph.D.; David Cutler, Ph.D.; Michael Cherner, Ph.D.; James Robinson, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., Ph.D.; and Alice Rosenblatt, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., M.A. The members' terms will end August 12, 2001. Sam Gutterman, F.S.A., F.C.A.S., M.A.A.A., M.A., is a consultant to the Panel.

The Panel's third meeting will be held on September 7, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and September 8, 2000 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The fourth meeting will be held on October 11, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and October 12, 2000 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The meetings will be held at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Headquarters, Conference Center, Room C-112, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. The meetings are open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. The Panel's first meeting was held June 28-29, 2000, and the second meeting was held July 26-27, 2000.

At its third and fourth meetings, the Panel will discuss findings from its subgroups on the following five topics:

1. Medicare Assumptions
2. Projection Methodology
3. Long-Range Growth Assumptions
4. Uncertainty (stochastic forecasting, alternative assumptions, sensitivity)
5. Report Presentation Issues/

Research and Data.

The Panel will also consider recommendations to the Board of Trustees in each of these areas. At the third meeting, the Panel will also hear presentations from organizations that

develop models similar to the Medicare Trust Funds models.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues mentioned in this notice should contact the Executive Director by 5 p.m. on August 25, 2000. The number of oral presentations may be limited to the time available. A written copy of the presenters' oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 5 p.m. on August 31, 2000, for distribution to the Panel members.

Any interested member of the public may submit written comments to the Executive Director and Panel members for review. Comments should be received by the Executive Director by 5 p.m. on August 31, 2000, for distribution to the Panel members.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired and/or other special accommodation, should contact Ariel Winter at (202) 690-6860 by August 25, 2000.

Dated: August 2, 2000.

Margaret A. Hamburg,
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Demonstration Projects for the Early Intervention and Prevention of Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations, PA# 00074

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: Disease, Disability and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Demonstration Projects for the Early Intervention and Prevention of Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations, PA# 00074.

Times and Dates:

8 a.m.–8:45 a.m. August 21, 2000 (Open)

8:45 a.m.–5:30 p.m. August 21, 2000

(Closed)

8 a.m.–5:30 p.m. August 22, 2000 (Closed)

Place: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Atlanta Airport Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30344. Telephone 404/768-6660.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Associate Director for Management and Operations, CDC, pursuant to P.L. 92-463.

This notice is published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to administrative delays.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcement 00074.

Contact Person for More Information: James S. Belloni, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, 4770 Buford Hwy., m/s K02, Atlanta, GA 30341. Telephone 770/488-4538, email jsb1@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: August 4, 2000.

Carolyn J. Russell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee:

To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on September 28, 2000, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn, Walker/Whetstone Rooms, Two Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

Contact Person: Charles A. Finder, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-240), Food and Drug Administration, 1350 Piccard Dr., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-594-3332, or