

808(2), this notice with comment period is effective January 1, 1998, for allotments for payments of Medicare Part B premiums for individuals in calendar year 1998 from the allotment for fiscal year 1998.

V. Regulatory Impact Statement

We have examined the impact of this notice with comment period as required by Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (Pub. L. 96-354). Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects; distributive impacts; and equity). The RFA requires agencies to analyze options for regulatory relief for small businesses. For purposes of the RFA, States and individuals are not considered to be small entities.

This notice with comment period implements provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to allocate, among the States, Federal funds to provide Medicaid payment for Medicare Part B premiums for two additional groups of low-income Medicare beneficiaries. The total amount of Federal funds available during a Federal fiscal year and the formula for determining individual State allotments are specified in the law. We have applied the statutory formula for the State allotments except for the use of specified data. Because the data specified in the law were not currently available, we have used comparable data from the U.S. Census Bureau on the number of possible qualifying individuals in the States.

We believe that the statutory provisions implemented in this notice with comment period will have a positive effect on States and individuals. Federal funding at the 100 percent matching rate is available for Medicare cost-sharing for Medicare Part B premium payments for qualifying individuals and a greater number of low-income Medicare beneficiaries will be eligible to have their Medicare Part B premiums paid under Medicaid.

Section 1102(b) of the Social Security Act requires us to prepare a regulatory impact analysis for any notice that may have a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals. Such an analysis must conform to the provisions of section 603 of the RFA. For purposes of section 1102(b) of the Act, we define a small rural hospital as a hospital that is located outside a Metropolitan

Statistical Area and has fewer than 50 beds.

We are not preparing analyses for either the RFA or section 1102(b) of the Act because we have determined and certify that this notice with comment period will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities or a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice with comment period was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: Sections 1902(a)(10), 1933 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a), and Public Law 105-33.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program)

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Initial Review Group and Special Emphasis Panel meetings.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Name of Committee: Neurophysiology and Neuroanatomy Research Subcommittee.

Date: February 9-11, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Gamil Debbas, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

Name of Committee: Human Development Research Subcommittee.

Date: February 10, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Kesinee Nimit, M.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-9042.

Name of Committee: Basic Behavioral Science Research Subcommittee.

Date: February 10-12, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209.

Contact Person: Mark Swieter, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

Name of Committee: Epidemiology and Prevention Research Subcommittee.

Date: February 10-12, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Raquel Crider, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-9042.

Name of Committee: Molecular, Cellular and Chemical Neurobiology Research Subcommittee.

Date: February 10-12, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Rita Liu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-9042.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Molecular, Cellular and Chemical Neurobiology).

Date: February 12, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Mary C. Custer, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

Name of Committee: Neuropharmacology Research Subcommittee.

Date: February 17-19, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Syed Husain, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

Name of Committee: Treatment Research Subcommittee.

Date: March 2-4, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Kesinee Nimit, M.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-9042.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Training and Career Development).

Date: March 2-4, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Residence Inn by Marriott, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Contact Person: Mark Swieter, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

Name of Committee: Health Service Research Subcommittee.

Date: March 3-4, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209.

Contact Person: Raquel Crider, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-9042.

Name of Committee: AIDS Biomedical and Clinical Research Subcommittee.

Date: March 10-11, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Gamil Debbas, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Centers).

Date: March 17, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Mary C. Custer, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

Name of Committee: AIDS Behavioral Research Subcommittee.

Date: March 17-18, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Sheraton-National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204.

Contact Person: Khursheed Asghar, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. The applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.277, Drug Abuse Research Scientist Development and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs.)

Dated: January 16, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

Agenda/Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Committee Name: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: February 12, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: W. Gregory Zimmerman, Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-1340.

Committee Name: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: February 13, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: W. Gregory Zimmerman, Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-1340.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers 93.242, 93.281, 93.282)

Dated: January 16, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the National Institute of Mental Health Initial Review Group:

Agenda/Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Committee Name: Services Research Review Committee.

Date: February 10-February 11, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Gavin T. Wilkom, Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-1340.

Committee Name: Clinical Neuroscience and Biological Psychopathology Review Committee.

Date: February 11-February 13, 1998.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: One Washington Circle, One Washington Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Maureen L. Eister, Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-3936.

Committee Name: Neuropharmacology and Neurochemistry Review Committee.

Date: February 12-February 13, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Donna Ricketts, Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-3936.

Committee Name: Violence and Traumatic Stress Review Committee.

Date: February 12-February 13, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Sheri L. Schwartzback, Parklawn, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-6470.

Committee Name: Social and Group Processes Review Committee.

Date: February 12-February 13, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: The Governor's House Hotel, 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Contact Person: Tarsha Johnson, Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-6470.

Committee Name: Health Behavior and Prevention Review Committee.

Date: February 18, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: One Washington Circle, One Washington Circle, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Monica F. Woodfork, Parklawn, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-6470.

Committee Name: Psychobiology, Behavior, and Neuroscience Review Committee.

Date: February 19-February 20, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Bethesda Hyatt Regency, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Deborah A. DeMasse, Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301-443-3936.