needed to determine if relief is appropriate for particular firms are similar to those undertaken in the course of fitness checks performed by NFA with respect to applicants under the Act.[9] For example, the Commission previously delegated to NFA the authority to deny, condition, suspend, restrict or revoke the registration of futures commission merchants, introducing brokers, commodity pool operators, commodity trading advisors and associated persons of these registrants,[10] and floor brokers and floor traders.[11]

Upon consideration, the Commission believes that NFA can revoke or withdraw a firm's confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief in an efficient and cost-effective manner. As the custodian of all Rule 30.10 filings, NFA has developed an extensive database from which it may identify those firms that no longer maintain valid agency agreements.[12] Accordingly, the Commission directs NFA to identify on an ongoing basis those firms that no longer maintain a valid agreement with a U.S. agent for service of process and to notify those firms and their regulators in writing that their failure to maintain a valid agency agreement will result in the termination of the firms' confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief unless such deficiency is cured within thirty days. Further, the Commission authorizes NFA to revoke, after this thirty days written notice, the confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief for any firm that does not maintain a valid agreement with a U.S. agent for service of process in compliance with Rule 30.5. In addition, any firm seeking to withdraw voluntarily its confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief (or any foreign regulator providing notice that a member or regulatee has ceased business operations) currently sends that information to NFA. The Commission authorizes NFA to withdraw the confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief for any firm that notifies NFA, either directly or through its regulatory authority, of its decision to forfeit such relief and/or to cease business operations.

The Commission is also delegating to NFA the power to revoke confirmation of a firm's Rule 30.10 relief if the firm fails to comply with any of the representations and obligations on which the relief is based. While the Commission is not imposing on NFA the duty to monitor activities of Rule 30.10 firms, NFA should note any non-compliance of which it becomes aware. For example, NFA will know if a Rule 30.10 firm has failed to comply with a representation that it will submit to NFA arbitration. If NFA becomes aware of a firm's failure to comply with a representation or consent contained in its Rule 30.10 petition, other than the failure to maintain a valid U.S. agent for the service of process, NFA should consult with the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets (''Division'') to determine if it is appropriate to modify or terminate the firm's Rule 30.10 relief. After such consultation and the consent of the Division, NFA is authorized to revoke, after thirty days written notice, the confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief for any firm that fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of such relief outlined in the appropriate Rule 30.10 Order.

II. Conclusion and Order

The Commission has determined, in accordance with Section 8a(10) of the Act, to authorize NFA to perform the following functions:

(1) To revoke, after thirty days written notice, the confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief for any firm that does not maintain a valid agreement with a U.S. agent for service of process in accordance with Rule 30.5;

(2) To revoke, after consultation with and consent from the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets and after thirty days written notice, the confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief for any firm that fails to any of the other terms or conditions outlined in the appropriate Rule 30.10 Order; and

(3) To withdraw the confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief for any firm that notifies NFA either directly or through its regulatory authority of its decision to forfeit such relief and/or to cease business operations.

NFA shall perform these functions in accordance with the standards established by the Act and the regulations and Commission orders issued thereunder and shall provide the Commission with such summaries and periodic reports as the Commission may determine are necessary for the effective oversight of this program.

These determinations are based upon the Congressional intent expressed in Section 8a(10) of the Act that the Commission have the authority to delegate to NFA any portion of the Commission's registration responsibilities under the Act for purposes of carrying out these responsibilities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner and upon NFA's representations concerning the standards and procedures to be followed and the reports to be generated in administering these functions.

This Order does not, however, authorize NFA to render ''no-action'' positions, exemptions or interpretations with respect to applicable disclosure, reporting, recordkeeping and registration requirements.

Nothing in this Order shall affect the Commission's authority to review NFA's performance of the Commission functions listed above.

NFA is authorized to perform all functions specified herein until such time as the Commission orders otherwise. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Commission from exercising the authority delegated herein. NFA may submit to the Commission for decision any specific matters that have been delegated to it, and Commission staff will be available to discuss with NFA staff issues relating to the implementation of this Order. Nothing in this Order affects the applicability of previous orders issued by the Commission under Parts 4 and 30.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 1, 1999 by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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[9] *Id.* at 47793.

[10] 50 FR 34885 (August 28, 1985).

[11] 59 FR 38957 (August 1, 1994).

[12] All firms seeking confirmation of Rule 30.10 relief must designate an agent for service of process in accordance with Rule 30.5.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of expansion of cancer treatment clinical trials demonstration project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of an expansion of a demonstration project in which the DoD provides CHAMPUS reimbursement for eligible beneficiaries who receive cancer treatment under approved National Cancer Institute (NCI) clinical trials to include NCI sponsored cancer prevention clinical trials. Participation in these clinical trials will improve TRICARE/CHAMPUS eligible beneficiary access to emerging new therapies that have significant promise for the prevention and successful treatment of cancers. DoD financing of these procedures will assist in meeting clinical trial goals and arrival at conclusions regarding the safety and efficacy of emerging therapies in the prevention and treatment of cancer. At this time, there is insufficient demonstration data for a full evaluation of costs associated with enrollment in clinical trials. Expanding the current

demonstration to provide reimbursement for costs associated with NCI sponsored clinical trials for cancer prevention will augment current patient accruals to clinical trials and allow for data collection in order to perform a comprehensive economic analysis. This demonstration also affects TRICARE, the managed health care program that includes CHAMPUS. This demonstration project, which is under the authority of 10 U.S.C., section 1092, will expire December 31, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Larkin, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681–3628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On January 24, 1996, the Department provided notice in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 1899) of an expansion of an existing demonstration for breast cancer treatment clinical trials to include all cancer treatment clinical trials under approved National Cancer Institute (NCI) clinical trials. The demonstration purpose is to improve beneficiary access to promising new therapies, assist in meeting the National Cancer Institute's clinical trial goals, and arrival at conclusions regarding the safety and efficacy of emerging therapies in the treatment of cancer. The January 24, 1996, notice anticipated the possibility of extending the demonstration.

The NCI trials program is the principal means by which the oncology community has developed clinical evidence for the efficacy of various treatment approaches in cancer therapy. Participating institutions include NCI's network of comprehensive and clinical cancer centers, university and community hospitals and practices, and military treatment facilities. Despite this extensive network which includes the nation's premier medical centers, cure rates for most types of cancer remain disappointing, highlighting the significant effort still required for improvement. The principal means by which advances in therapy will be realized is through application of research to victims of cancer. In support of NCI's efforts to further the science of cancer treatment, the Department expanded its breast cancer demonstration to include all NCI-sponsored phase II and phase III clinical trials. This expanded demonstration will enhance current NCI efforts to determine safety and efficacy of promising cancer therapies by expanding the patient population available for entry into clinical trials and stabilizing the referral base for these clinical activities.

In recognition of the successful partnership with the NCI, the current demonstration is being expanded to allow DoD beneficiaries to participate in NCI sponsored clinical trials in cancer prevention in addition to caner treatment. This expansion of the current demonstration will enhance continued NCI efforts to determine safety and efficacy of promising cancer therapies by expanding the patient population available for entry into clinical trials and stabilizing the referral base for these clinical activities.

While this demonstration provides an exception to current CHAMPUS benefit limitations, the Department hypothesizes that this increased access to innovative cancer prevention therapies will occur at a cost comparable to that which Department has experienced in paying for conventional therapies under the standard CHAMPUS program. Results of this demonstration will provide a framework for determining the scope of DoD's continued participation in the NCI's research efforts.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Advisory Panel To Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the first meeting of the Advisory Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended [5 U.S.C., Appendix II (1982)], it has been determined that this Advisory Panel meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(1)(1988); accordingly, the bulk of the meeting will be closed to the public. A small portion of the meeting will be open, however, to facilitate public comment.

DATE: June 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Room 802, RAND, Suite 800, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The Advisory Panel to Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction will meet in closed session from 10:00 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on June 9, 1999. The meeting will be open to the public from 4:45 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This meeting will include classified briefings on the threat of domestic WMD terrorist attacks. Time will be allocated as noted above for public comments by individuals or organizations. Due to unexpected requirements to amend the meeting's agenda with classified briefings, the posting of this meeting in the **Federal Register** falls within the normal 15 day notice period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: RAND provides information about this Panel on its web site at http://www.rand.org/organization/nsrd/terrpanel; it can also be reached at (202) 296–5000 extension 5282. Public comment presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Priscilla Schlegel, RAND, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated: June 2, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend record systems.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force proposes to amend systems of records notices in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: The amendments will be effective on July 8, 1999, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Air Force Access Programs Manager, Headquarters, Air Force