

standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 26, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *China Trust Capital A/S*, Denmark; to become a bank holding company by acquiring shares of China Trust Capital B.V., Netherlands, and thereby indirectly acquiring Chinatrust Bank, Torrance, California. China Trust Holdings N.V., Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, will control China Trust Capital A/S, Denmark, and its subsidiaries, upon its formation.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 27, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, November 5, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 6010 Executive Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Rockville, Maryland, 20852.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Eder, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, (301) 594-6662. For press-related information, please contact Karen Migdail at 301/594-6120.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a

disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHCP, on (301) 594-6662 no later than November 4, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) established the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council provides advice to the Secretary and the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCP), on matters related to AHCP activities to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services and access to such services through scientific research and the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services. The Council is composed of members of the public appointed by the Secretary and Federal ex-officio members. Donald M. Berwick, M.D., the Council chairman, will preside.

II. Agenda

On Friday, November 5, 1999, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chairman. The Administrator, AHCP, will present the status of the Agency's current research, programs and initiatives. Tentative agenda items include issues on future programs and initiatives, information technology, health care errors, and role of qualitative methods in health services research. The official agenda will be available to AHCP's website at www/ahcpr.gov no later than October 20, 1999. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: October 26, 1999.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Community/Tribal Subcommittee and the Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

(ATSDR) announces the following subcommittee and committee meetings.

Name: Community/Tribal Subcommittee (CTS).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., November 16, 1999; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., November 17, 1999.

Place: Sheraton/Buckhead Hotel, 3405 Lenox Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

Status: Open to the public, limited by the available space. The meeting room accommodates approximately 60 people.

Purpose: This subcommittee will bring to the Board of Scientific Counselors advice and citizen input, as well as recommendations on community and tribal programs, practices, and policies of the Agency. The subcommittee will report directly to the Board of Scientific Counselors.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include an update on Action Items from previous meetings; discussion of suggested meeting procedures; discussion of Revised Draft Roles, Functions, and Operational Guidelines; research agenda building update; health technical assistance grant mechanism; and an overview of the Agency's activities regarding chemical mixtures. The CTS will discuss public health assessment and sensitivity training; CTS proposals, and recommendations and responses to ATSDR.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., November 18, 1999; 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., November 19, 1999.

Place: Sheraton/Buckhead Hotel, 3405 Lenox Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

Status: Open to the public, limited by the available space. The meeting room accommodates approximately 60 people.

Purpose: The Board of Scientific Counselors, ATSDR, advises the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Administrator, ATSDR, on ATSDR programs to ensure scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. Specifically, the Board advises on the adequacy of the science in ATSDR-supported research, emerging problems that require scientific investigation, accuracy and currency of the science in ATSDR reports, and program areas to emphasize and/or to de-emphasize. In addition, the Board recommends research programs and conference support for which the Agency seeks to make grants to universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, and other public and private organizations.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items will include an update on building ATSDR's research agenda; an overview of current research activities; an update on NIEHS and EPA Superfund research programs; an update on NIOSH and NCEH research programs. The BSC will discuss ATSDR plans and progress; research and plans for other agencies; potential for collaborative research; and additional needs for environmental public health research. The CTS will discuss the Community/Tribal Subcommittee update, Operational Guidelines and recommendations. ATSDR staff will provide program updates on the expert panel review

of the PCB toxicological profile, Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, and mercury in vaccines.

Written comments are welcome and should be received by the contact person listed below prior to the opening of the meeting.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

An unavoidable administrative delay prevented meeting the 15 day publication requirement.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Robert F. Spengler, Sc.D., Executive Secretary, BSC, ATSDR, M/S E-28, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-0708.

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: October 27, 1999.

John Burckhardt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Emergency and Foreign Hospital Services—Beneficiary Statement in Canadian Travel Claims and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 424.123.

Form No.: HCFA-R-0096 (OMB# 0938-0484).

Use: Payment may be made for certain Part A inpatient hospital services and Part B outpatient hospital services provided in a nonparticipating U.S. or foreign hospital when services are necessary to prevent the death or serious impairment of the health of the individual. In these situations, the threat to the life or health of the individual necessitates the use of the most accessible hospital available and equipped to furnish such services. Section 3698.4, requires a beneficiary statement indication that after a medical emergency occurred, the beneficiary was traveling between Alaska and another State through Canada by the most direct route without unreasonable delay to acquire medical care.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public. Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 1,100.

Total Annual Responses: 1,100.

Total Annual Hours: 275.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank: Announcement of Opening Date for Reporting and Self-Query Fee

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General (OIG), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with final regulations implementing the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) published in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 1999 (64 FR 57740), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is announcing that the data bank will become operational for purposes of reporting information on November 22, 1999. In addition, the Department now is exercising its authority to impose a fee for self-queries to the data bank and is announcing a ten dollar fee for health care practitioners, providers or suppliers who request information about themselves (self-queries) from the HIPDB.

1. Reportable Actions

All reportable actions taken since August 21, 1996, the date of passage of the HIPDB's authorizing statute, section 221(a) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, must be reported to the HIPDB beginning November 22, 1999—the opening operational date for the data bank. To submit reports, registered entities must use the HIPDB web site at www.npdb-hipdb.com. Specific guidelines for reporting also can be found on this web site.

2. Self-query User Fee Amount

In conjunction with the opening of the HIPDB for reporting and as part of its obligations under the Privacy Act, the Department is offering at this time self-querying to health care practitioners, providers and suppliers.

Section 1128E(d)(2) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 221(a) of HIPAA, specifically authorizes the establishment of fees for the costs of processing requests for disclosure and for providing such information, and the final regulations at 45 CFR part 61 set forth the criteria and procedures for information to be reported to and disclosed by the HIPDB. The Act requires that the Department recover the full costs of operating the HIPDB through user fees. In determining any changes in the amount of the user fee, the Department is employing the criteria set forth in * 61.13(b) of the HIPDB regulations.