

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 12, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than December 2, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) 600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.*, Boston, Massachusetts; to acquire Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough LLC, San Francisco, California, and thereby engage in providing investment advisory and financial planning services, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(6)(i) and (b)(6)(vi) of Regulation Y.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of September 16, 2003

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on September 16, 2003.¹

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with maintaining the federal funds rate at an average of around 1 percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, November 4, 2003.

Vincent R. Reinhart,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Time and Date: 11:30 a.m., Monday, November 24, 2003.

Place: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

Status: Closed.

Matters to be Considered:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle A. Smith, Director, Office of Board Members; 202-452-2955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call (202) 452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on September 16, 2003, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 14, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Infectious Disease

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 committee meeting.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID).

Times and Dates:

9 a.m.-5 p.m., December 11, 2003

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., December 12, 2003

Place: CDC, Auditorium B, Building 1, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: The Board of Scientific Counselors, NCID, provides advice and guidance to the Director, CDC, and Director, NCID, in the following areas: Program goals and objectives; strategies; program organization and resources for infectious disease prevention and control; and program priorities.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include:

1. Opening Session: NCID Update.
2. Futures Initiative Update.
3. Emerging Infections Plan Update.
4. Topic Updates:
 - a. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.
 - b. Monkeypox.
 - c. West Nile Virus.
5. Extramural Research Update.
6. Global Health Activities.
7. Topic Updates.
 - a. Influenza.
 - b. MRSA.
8. Minority and Women's Health Update.
9. Board meets with Director, CDC.

Other agenda items include announcements/introductions; follow-up on actions recommended by the Board May 2003; consideration of future directions, goals, and recommendations.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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

For Further Information Contact: Tony Johnson, Office of the Director, NCID, CDC, Mailstop E-51, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, e-mail: tjohnson3@cdc.gov; telephone (404) 498-3249.

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: November 12, 2003.

Alvin Hall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as 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.

1. Type of Information Collection
Request: New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Survey of Medicare Preferred Provider Organization Demonstration *Form No.:*

CMS-10101 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* This information collection will be used to collect information from Medicare Beneficiaries to understand beneficiary experiences with the new managed care option and to understand which Medicare beneficiaries are attracted to the PPO model and why. CMS also wants to know what both enrollees and non-enrollees in PPOs know and understand about this new option; *Frequency:* Other: One-time Only; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 38,216; *Total Annual Responses:* 38,216; *Total Annual Hours:* 9,556.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web site address at <http://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prd/default.asp>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS 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 CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: November 7, 2003.

Julie Brown,

CMS Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Strategic Operations and Strategic Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-901, CMS-2744, CMS-2746]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as 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.

1. Type of Information Collection
Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Qualification Application: Medicare+Choice Application for HMOs, PPOs, and State Licensed PSOs; Medicare+Choice Application for Federally Waived PSOs; Medicare+Choice Application for Medicare Savings Account Entities; Medicare+Choice Application for Private Fee-for-Service Plans; *Form No.:* CMS-901 (OMB# 0938-0470); *Use:* Prepaid health plans must meet certain regulatory requirements to be federally qualified health maintenance organizations or to enter into a contract with CMS to provide health benefits to Medicare beneficiaries. The application is the collection form to obtain the information from a health plan that will allow CMS staff to determine compliance with the regulations; *Frequency:* Other: One-time submission; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 55; *Total Annual Responses:* 55; *Total Annual Hours:* 5,500.

2. Type of Information Collection
Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* End Stage Renal Disease Medical Information System ESRD Facility Survey and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 405.2133; *Form No.:* CMS-2744 (OMB# 0938-0447); *Use:* The ESRD Facility Survey form (CMS-2744) is completed annually by Medicare-approved providers of dialysis and transplant services. The CMS-2744 is designed to collect information concerning treatment trends, utilization of services and patterns of practice in treating ESRD patients; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:*