

VI. Impact Statement

HCFA has examined the impact of this notice as required by Executive Order 12866. Executive Order 12866 directs agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when rules are necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic environments, public health and safety, other advantages, distributive impacts, and equity). We believe that this notice is consistent with the regulatory philosophy and principles identified in the Executive Order.

This notice merely provides advance notification of the reserved FY 1998 State allotments available to provide Federal funding to individual States, Commonwealths, and Territories for expenditures in the new Children's Health Insurance Program and the assumption and methodology that HCFA used to determine these reserved allotments. The formula for State allotments is specified in the statute. This notice by itself has no economic impact. Final allotments will be calculated using the statutory formula and may vary from these reserved amounts depending upon the number of States that submit approved State plans under title XXI. (As noted above, the allotment process will be set forth in more detail in future rule making.)

We believe this notice will have an overall positive impact by informing States of the extent to which they will be permitted to expend funds under approved State child health plans in FY 1998. States will be able to conduct advance planning necessary for implementation of the State Child Health Insurance Program if they choose, beginning October 1, 1997.

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

(Section 1102 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302))

Dated: September 8, 1997.

Bruce C. Vladeck,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Request for Nominations of Candidates To Serve on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Department of Health and Human Services

The Public Health Service (PHS) is soliciting nominations for possible membership on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC). This committee studies and recommends ways to encourage the availability of an adequate supply of safe and effective vaccination products in the States; recommends research priorities and other measures the Director of the National Vaccine Program should take to enhance the safety and efficacy of vaccines; advises the Director of the Program in the implementation of sections 2102, 2103, and 2104, of the PHS Act; and identifies annually, for the Director of the Program, the most important areas of government and non-government cooperation that should be considered in implementing sections 2102, 2103, and 2104, of the PHS Act.

Nominations are being sought for individuals engaged in vaccine research or the manufacture of vaccines or who are physicians, members of parent organizations concerned with immunizations, or representatives of State or local health agencies or public health organizations. Federal employees will not be considered for membership. Members may be invited to serve a four-year term.

Close attention will be given to minority and female representation; therefore nominations from these groups are encouraged.

The following information is requested: name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and a current curriculum vitae. Nominations should be sent, in writing, and postmarked by September 26, 1997, to: Felecia D. Pearson, Committee Management Specialist, NVAC, National Vaccine Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S D50, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone and facsimile submissions cannot be accepted.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

Carolyn J. Russell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Supplement to the Cooperative Agreement With the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc.

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of a revision to a previous **Federal Register** Notice regarding a planned single source supplemental award.

SUMMARY: SAMHSA's **Federal Register** notice (Vol. 62, No. 133), dated July 11, 1997, regarding a planned single source supplemental award is revised as follows:

In the third paragraph, revise the first sentence to read:

In view of the above considerations, SAMHSA has determined that a supplement to the existing cooperative agreement is the most effective way to assist the States by developing a detailed inventory of prevention activities, an inventory and analysis of each State's data capability, and a project to further the development of existing mentoring programs for youth and build on the existing infrastructure of mentoring programs throughout the country.

Following the fifth paragraph add the following:

The supplement related to mentoring is intended to assist the States in strengthening existing mentoring programs for youth and building on the existing infrastructure of mentoring programs throughout the development of Statewide mentoring initiatives. This project is not intended to recreate or compete with the mentoring network, but rather to focus existing resources to support, strengthen, promote and enhance the ability of the current mentoring network to accomplish its goals. Experience has shown the strength of mentoring in reducing alcohol and drug use, teen pregnancy, academic failure and gang participation and its associated violent behavior. Further, mentoring is a key prevention strategy that can be implemented across multiple service systems to target specific problems that affect society. This mentoring project is intended to provide certain State alcohol and drug agencies with the support and guidance through training and technical assistance to initiate and/or grow their own Statewide mentoring initiatives,

which will in turn support and guide the State's existing mentoring programs. As a result of their participation in the project, it is expected that these States will become catalysts in a new paradigm of prevention collaboration at the State and community levels.

Availability of Funds: At the end of the first sentence add: "and up to \$350,000 will be available for the mentoring project."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen G. Wing, SAMHSA Office of Policy and Program Coordination, Room 12C-05, Parklawn Building (301-443-0593). The mailing address is: 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4286-D-01]

Redelegation of Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Redelegation of authority.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the field reorganization Revocation and Redelegation of Authority for the Office of Housing, published on December 6, 1994, at 59 FR 62739. In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner redelegates nationwide authority to perform all functions related to the Multifamily Coinsurance Program, to the Director, Multifamily Housing Division, in the Greensboro, North Carolina field office. Thus, the authority of the Director, Multifamily Housing Division in the Greensboro, North Carolina field office is extended to include properties located not only in the Greensboro geographic area, but throughout the nation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Harris, Acting Director, Operations Division, Office of Multifamily Asset Management and Disposition, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 6186, Washington, D.C. 20410, (Telephone No. (202) 708-0216), (HUD's TTY No. (202) 708-1455); or Daniel A. McCanness, Multifamily Housing Division Director, Department

of Housing and Urban Development, North Carolina State Office, Koger Building, 2306 West Meadowview Road, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27407-3707, (Telephone No. (910) 547-4020), (HUD North Carolina State Office's TTY No. (910) 547-4055). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may also utilize the Federal Information Relay Service's TTY Number at (800) 877-8339. With the exception of the "800" number, all telephone and TTY numbers listed are not toll-free.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 307 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 amended the National Housing Act by adding a new section 244, entitled "Coinsurance." See 12 U.S.C. § 1715z-9. The Multifamily Coinsurance Program was intended to function as a joint venture between the private and public sectors, in which lenders and HUD would share mortgage insurance risk, thereby providing an alternative to traditional HUD full insurance financing. The Multifamily Coinsurance Program experienced an unacceptably high level of loan defaults and losses to the FHA General Insurance Fund, and was ultimately terminated in October of 1990. See 55 FR 41312, published October 10, 1990.

In 1990, the Coinsurance Management Division was established in the Office of Multifamily Asset Management and Disposition to provide oversight of the coinsured and formerly coinsured (i.e., coinsured loans converted to full insurance due to the failure of the coinsuring lender) portfolios. In September, 1995, with the decline of the coinsured mortgage portfolio, the Coinsurance Management Division was abolished and the coinsurance management workload was absorbed by the Operations Division within the Office of Multifamily Asset Management and Disposition.

On December 6, 1994, at 59 FR 62739, the Department published a Notice of Revocation and Redelegation of Authority which granted authority to carry out the Multifamily Coinsurance Program to various specified field offices. That field reorganization redelegation has been amended on several occasions and remains in effect, as amended.

Based upon a thorough analysis of the coinsured and formerly coinsured mortgage portfolio workload, in order to best utilize its finite resources, and to ensure that the Department is able to most effectively service its coinsured and formerly coinsured portfolio, the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner has determined to redelegate nationwide authority to

perform all functions related to the Multifamily Coinsurance Program, to the Director, Multifamily Housing Division, in the Greensboro, North Carolina field office.

Additionally, the coinsurance regulations, at 24 CFR 251.3, 252.3 and 255.3, were revised to provide for the conversion of individual coinsured loans to full insurance, in conjunction with either a full or partial claim payment. See 61 FR 49036, published September 17, 1996. Under this revision, coinsuring lenders were given the option of requesting that a coinsured mortgage be converted to full insurance. Under the coinsurance regulations, as cited above, the Federal Housing Commissioner has authority to endorse such conversions from coinsurance to full insurance. In this notice, the Federal Housing Commissioner also redelegates the authority to endorse such requests, on a nationwide basis, to the Director, Multifamily Housing Division, in the Greensboro, North Carolina field office.

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner redelegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Redelegated

The Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner redelegates authority to the Director, Multifamily Housing Division in the Greensboro, North Carolina field office, and modifies the field reorganization Revocation and Redelegation of Authority, published December 6, 1994 at 59 FR 62739, as follows:

1. The Director, Multifamily Housing Division, Greensboro, North Carolina is redelegated nationwide authority with regard to the Multifamily Coinsurance Program (Section 244 of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1715z-9).
2. The Director, Multifamily Housing Division, Greensboro, North Carolina, is redelegated the authority to perform all functions on a nationwide basis relating to the Multifamily Coinsurance Program. This authority includes but is not limited to performing the functions relating to multifamily coinsurance that are listed within the field reorganization redelegation at 59 FR 62739; in addition, with regard to the function listed at B., III., (a), (iii), A., 24, 59 FR 62743, the Director is herein redelegated the authority to execute second mortgage documents without first obtaining Headquarters approval of partial payment of claims. Also, the Director, Multifamily Housing Division, Greensboro, North Carolina is herein specifically redelegated the authority to perform the function of endorsing