

SUMMARY: The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), on the recommendation of the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards, has issued an exposure draft of a proposed revision to Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) titled Government Auditing Standards: Additional Documentation Requirements When Assessing Control Risk at Maximum for Computer-Related Controls (GAO/GAGAS-ED-3) and is seeking public comment. The proposed revision would add a new field work standard for financial statement audits prescribing additional documentation requirements for (1) the assessment of control risk at maximum for assertions significantly dependent on computer applications and (2) the basis for concluding that resulting audit procedures are designed to effectively achieve audit objectives and appropriately limit audit risk. The revision will be effective for financial statement audits of periods ending on or after September 15, 1999.

DATES: Comments are accepted through September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the exposure draft can be obtained on the Internet on GAO's Home Page (www.gao.gov) in the Special Publications section. Additional copies of these proposed standards can be obtained from the U.S. General Accounting Office, Room 1100, 700 4th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548, by calling 202-512-6000, or via FAX 202-512-6061. Comments should be both in writing and on diskette (in ASCII format), addressed to Robert W. Gramling, Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, Accounting and Information Management Division, U.S. General Accounting Office, 441 G Street NW., Room 5089, Washington, DC 20548.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert W. Gramling, 202-512-9406.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In February 1997, the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards endorsed a revised approach of issuing individual standards issue-by-issue as the Council reaches consensus on a particular issue, with periodic codification of the standards. This revised approach was adopted to provide more timely revision of the standards for emerging audit issues. The approach will continue the practice of seeking public comments on all draft revisions.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), in issuing Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 78, Consideration of Internal Control in a Financial Statement Audit: An Amendment to Statement on

Auditing Standards No. 55, requires auditors to document their basis for conclusions when control risk is assessed below maximum. However, SAS No. 78 does not impose a similar requirement for assessments of control risk at maximum.

This proposed standard will help ensure that auditors conducting financial statement audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards carefully consider controls related to assertions which are significantly dependent on computer applications and appropriately limit audit risk related to such assertions. This exposure draft also presents conforming changes to GAGAS field work standards for financial statement audits to recognize, where applicable, the effect of SAS No. 78 on GAGAS for internal control.

The Council will consider the comments in making recommendations to the Comptroller General of the United States in finalizing revisions to the standards. Publication of the final standard will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 98092]

The Epidemiology of Opportunistic Infections in Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients Notice of Availability of Fiscal Year 1998 Funds; Amendment

A notice announcing the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for cooperative agreements for the epidemiology of opportunistic infections in bone marrow transplant recipients was published in the **Federal Register** on July 28, 1998, [Vol. 63 FR Number 144]. The notice is amended as follows:

On page 40294, First column, under "Eligible Applicants", the first paragraph, second sentence should read: "Eligible applicants must perform or collect data on >100 new BMTs per year in order to maximize the number of BMT recipients under surveillance, and therefore increase the power of the study." On page 40294, Second column, under "Recipient Activities", paragraph c., second sentence, the second sentence should read: "This should include

methods to determine risk factors and incidence rates of important OIs." On page 40295, First column, under "Capacity (35 Points)", the fourth paragraph should read: "Extent to which the applicant demonstrates it has collected data on the likely important OIs, as well as possible new and emerging OIs such as *Streptococcus Viridans* spp., coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus* spp., etc. On page 40295, Third column, fourth paragraph should read: For program technical assistance contact: Clare A. Dykewicz, M.D., M.P.H., CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, Mailstop A12, 1600 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (404) 639-4932, FAX (404) 639-4664, Email address: cad3@cdc.gov."

All other information and requirements of the notice remain the same.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

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*Director, Procurement and Grants Office,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Meeting

Name: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Working Group on Influenza.

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., September 1, 1998; 8 a.m.-12 noon, September 2, 1998.

Place: CDC, Auditorium A, Building 2, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

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

Purpose: The Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the appropriate uses of immunizing agents. The Influenza Working Group was formed to assist the Committee in expanding the current ACIP influenza immunization recommendations to include the use of new influenza vaccines and antiviral agents expected to be licensed by the Food and Drug Administration within the next two years.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda will include presentations on the potential health benefits of vaccinating healthy adults against influenza; economic studies on vaccinating healthy adults against influenza; a study on the vaccination of healthy women; the cost effectiveness of vaccinating healthy adult workers; modeling the economics of vaccinating healthy adults against influenza; comments from the Food and Drug Administration, Council of State and

Territorial Epidemiologists, National Institutes of Health, American College of Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of America; and a review of the licensed and new influenza antiviral agents.

Contact Person for More Information:

Gloria A. Kovach, Committee Management Specialist, CDC (16-4346), 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Mailstop D50, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-7250.

Dated: July 30, 1998.

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

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Development Disabilities Protection & Advocacy Program Statement of Objectives and Priorities.

OMB No.: 0980-0270.

Description: This information collection is a reporting by Protection & Advocacy (P&A) Systems in each State. Using this reporting format, the P&A systems describe their Statement of Objectives and Priorities for the coming fiscal year in the pursuit of their effort under Part C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C., 6000 et seq.) to protect

the civil and human rights of persons with developmental disabilities. This Statement of Objectives and Priorities (SOP) is required by Section 142(a)(2) (paragraphs C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C., 6000 et seq.). Each P&A System is required to develop an SOP and to submit it to public comment.

The final version of the SOP is submitted by each P&A System to the Department of Health and Human Services, which will use the data in the SOP to monitor compliance of P&As with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, and will also provide a management tool for necessary program stewardship and grasp of prospective program direction.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Statement of Objectives and Priorities	56	1	44	2,464

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,464.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-R-237]

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

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Multi-State Evaluation of Dual Eligibles Demonstration; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-237 OMB #0938-NEW; *Use:* This survey provides information needed to evaluate dual eligible demonstrations on issues of satisfaction and gather health and functional status to be used in other analyses. Dual eligible demonstrations provide HCFA the opportunity to determine whether changes in payment and reimbursement and alternative ways to provide health services results in better coordination, increased satisfaction, and improved outcomes of those eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Respondents to the survey include demonstration enrollees both living in the community and in institutions, their families, disenrollees and corresponding comparison groups. *Frequency:* One time submission; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 7,840; *Total Annual Responses:* 7,840; *Total Annual Hours:* 5,580.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork