

designated for an area, hospitals located in that area must enter into agreements with the newly designated OPO or submit a request for a waiver within 30 days of notice of the change in designation. The criteria that the Secretary uses to evaluate the waiver in these cases are the same as those described above under section 1138(a)(2)(A) of the Act and have been incorporated into the regulations at § 486.316(e). Section 486.316(g) further specifies that a hospital may continue to operate under its existing agreement with a now out-of-area OPO while we are processing the waiver request submitted in accordance with § 486.316(d).

## II. Waiver Request Procedures

In October 1995, we issued a Program Memorandum (Transmittal No. A-95-11) that has been supplied to each hospital. This Program Memorandum detailed the waiver process and discussed the information that hospitals must provide in requesting a waiver. We indicated that upon receipt of the waiver requests, we would publish a **Federal Register** notice to solicit public comments, as required by section 1138(a)(2)(D) of the Act.

We will review the requests and comments received. During the review process, we may consult on an as-needed basis with the Public Health Service's Division of Transplantation, the United Network for Organ Sharing, and our regional offices. If necessary, we may request additional clarifying

information from the applying hospital or others. We will then make a final determination on the waiver requests and notify the affected hospitals and OPOs.

## III. Additional Hospital Waiver Requests

As allowed under § 486.316(e), each of the following two hospitals has requested a waiver to have an agreement with an alternative, out-of-area OPO. The listing includes the name of the facility, the city and state of the facility, the requested OPO, and the currently designated area OPO. The exception under § 486.316(g) does not apply to these two hospitals, so these hospitals may not work with the requested OPOs rather than the designated OPOs until the completion of our review.

Name of facility	City	State	Requested OPO	Designated OPO
Jennie Stuart Medical Center .....	Hopkinsville .....	KY	KYDA	TNDS
Medical University of S.C. ....	Charleston .....	SC	GALL	SCOP

## IV. Keys to the OPO Codes

The keys to the acronyms used in the listings to identify OPOs and their addresses are as follows:

KYDA KENTUCKY ORGAN DONOR AFFILIATES, 106 East Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202  
 TNDS TENNESSEE DONOR SERVICE, 1714 Hayes Street, Nashville, TN 37203  
 GALL LIFELINK OF GEORGIA, 3715 Northside Parkway, 100 Northcreek, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30327  
 SCOP SOUTH CAROLINA ORGAN PROCUREMENT AGENCY, 1064 Gardner Road, Suite 105, Charleston, SC 29407.

## V. Collection of Information Requirements

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** and solicit public comment before a collection of information requirement is submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. In order to fairly evaluate whether an information collection requirement should be approved by OMB, section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires that we solicit comment on the following issues:

- The need for the information collection and its usefulness in carrying out the proper functions of our agency.
- The accuracy of our estimate of the information collection burden.

- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Recommendations to minimize the information collection burden on the affected public, including automated collection techniques.

Therefore, we are soliciting public comment on the following issue for the information collection requirements described below.

Section 486.316 Designation of one OPO for each service area:

In summary, § 486.316 states the requirements for a Medicare or Medicaid participating hospital to request a waiver permitting the hospital to have an agreement with a designated OPO other than the OPO designated for the service area in which the hospital is located. However, the burden associated with these requirements are currently approved under OMB 0938-0688, HCFA-R-13, Conditions of Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations, with an expiration date of November 30, 1999.

If you comment on any of these information collection and record keeping requirements, please mail copies directly to the following:

Health Care Financing Administration,  
 Office of Information Services,  
 Security and Standards Groups,  
 Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Louis Blank,  
 HCFA-1047-NC, Room N2-14-26,  
 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Allison Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Authority:** Sec. 1138 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-8).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; Program No. 93.774 Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance, and Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program)

Dated: September 8, 1998.

**Robert A. Berenson,**

*Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4364-FA-03]

### Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, Announcement of Funding Award, Fiscal Year 1998

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of

Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this notice announces the funding decisions made by the Department under the Fiscal Year 1998 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The notice announces the selection of Food & Friends, Inc., a District of Columbia-based nonprofit organization, for the award of \$250,000 to support their home-delivered meal services program for home-bound persons living with HIV/AIDS.

**DATE:** September 23, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Vos, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7212, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202)708-1934. The TTY number for the hearing impaired is (202)708-2565. (These are not toll-free numbers). Information on HOPWA, community development and consolidated planning, and other HUD programs may also be obtained from the HUD Home Page on the World Wide Web. HOPWA program information is found at <http://www.hud.gov/cpd/hopwahom.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The selection on an award was authorized by Congress in the Department's fiscal year 1998 appropriations act under the appropriation for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. That act allows the Secretary to designate, on a noncompetitive basis, awards to non-profit providers of home delivered meal services. The funds for this award are available under the \$20.4 million that is available to make HOPWA competitive grants in 1998.

The HOPWA assistance made available in this announcement is authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901), as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) and was appropriated by the FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 105-65, approved October 27, 1997).

The FY 1998 Appropriations provides for carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901), \$204,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the amount made available under this heading for non-formula allocation, the Secretary may designate, on a noncompetitive basis, one or more nonprofit organizations that provide meals delivered to homebound persons

with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or a related disease to receive grants, not exceeding \$250,000 for any grant, and the Secretary shall assess the efficacy of providing such assistance to such persons.

The award of funds to Food & Friends, Inc. will significantly contribute to its mission. HOPWA funds will be used to support the provision of an estimated 800,000 home-delivered meals to an estimated 1,100 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan DC area during the next year. The recipients of this assistance are expected to be very-low income or low-income persons who will be better enabled to remain in their current residences by receiving meals, grocery services and nutrition education. The organization assesses each client's nutritional needs and adjusts the support being provided. The organization reports that this service is crucial in helping clients attain the physical and emotional support to help fight the debilitating effects of AIDS through good nutrition.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.241.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is awarding \$250,000 to the Food & Friends, Inc., an organization to serve clients in the metropolitan Washington DC area.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

**Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission

**AGENCY:** Office of Insular Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission—Notice of Establishment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-463). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given

that the Secretary of the Interior has established the American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to make recommendations to the President, through the Secretary of the Interior, on policies, actions and time frames necessary to achieve a secure and self-sustaining economy for American Samoa.

The Commission will be comprised of six members to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, including: One member after considering a list of at least three persons nominated by the Governor of American Samoa, except that if no such list is received by the Secretary of the Interior within 21 days after the date of establishment of the Commission the Secretary may appoint a member in his sole discretion; one member after considering a list of at least three persons nominated jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of American Samoa, except that if no such list is received by the Secretary of the Interior within twenty-one days after the date of establishment of this Commission the Secretary may appoint a member in his sole discretion; two members who are Federal government officials; and two members who represent the financial, business, or trade community. The Secretary will designate one member of the Commission as the chairperson. The Secretary may also appoint ex-officio, non-voting members.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nikolao I. Pula, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 4328, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 208-6816. The certification of establishment is published below.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the establishment of the American Samoa Advisory Economic Commission is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's general responsibility in taking action as may be necessary and appropriate, and in harmony with applicable law, for the administration of the civil government in American Samoa.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

**Bruce Babbitt,**  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

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