

duplicate current and widely available research syntheses, unless new evidence is available that suggests the need for revisions or updates.

For each topic, nominators should provide a rationale and supporting evidence on the importance and relevance of the topic. Nominators must also state their plans for use of the evidence report and indicate how the report could be used by public and private decision makers. Nomination information should include:

- Defined organizational/financial arrangement or structure impacting quality, outcomes, cost, access or use.
- Three to five specific questions to be answered.
- If appropriate, description of how the organizational/financial arrangement or structure is particularly relevant to delivery of care for specific vulnerable populations (e.g., children, persons with chronic disease) or certain communities (e.g., rural markets).
- Costs potentially affected by the organizational/financial arrangement, to the extent they can be quantified.
- Impact potential of the evidence report to decrease health care costs or to improve health status or outcomes.
- Availability of scientific and/or administrative data and bibliographies of studies on the topic.
- References to significant variation in delivery and financing patterns and/or results, and related controversies.
- Nominator's plan for use of an evidence report on this topic.
- Nominator's plan for measuring the impact of the report on practice.

Selection Criteria for Organization and Financing Topics

Factors that will be considered in the selection of topics related to the organization and financing of care include the following: (1) Uncertainty about the impact of the subject organizational or financing strategy; (2) potential for the subject organizational or financing strategy or the proposed research synthesis to significantly impact aggregate health care costs; (3) policy-relevant to Medicare, Medicaid, and/or other Federal and State health programs; (4) relevant to vulnerable populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, and particular communities, such as rural markets; (5) available scientific data to support systematic review and analysis of the topic; (6) demonstrated commitment by the nominating organization to incorporate the report into its managerial or policy decision-making; and (7) plans by the

nominating organization to measure the impact of the report on practice.

Dated: November 2, 2000.

John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Infectious Diseases: Meeting

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.-5:45 p.m., December 7, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., December 8, 2000.

Place: CDC, Roybal Building 17 Conference Room, 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. CDC Facilities Master Plan, Fort Collins, Colorado
3. Program Update: Patient Safety and Quality Care
4. Issue Updates
 - a. NCID Research Agenda
 - b. Planning and Communication Strategies
 - c. Global Infectious Disease Strategic Plan
5. Tour of Roybal Building 17
6. Breakout groups on Issue Updates (Item 4, a-c above)
7. Program Update: West Nile Virus
8. Breakout Group Report/Discussion: NCID Research Agenda
9. Breakout Group Report/Discussion: Planning and Communication Strategies
10. Breakout Group Report/Discussion: Global Infectious Disease Strategic Plan
11. Late Breakers: Scientific Outbreak Reports
12. Discussions and Recommendations

Other agenda items include announcements/introductions; follow-up on actions recommended by the Board May

2000; 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.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Diane S. Holley, Office of the Director, NCID, CDC, Mailstop C-20, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, email dsy1@cdc.gov; telephone 404/639-0078.

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 6, 2000.

Carolyn J. Russell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: Meeting

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 Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH).

Time and Date: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., November 28, 2000.

Place: The Washington Court, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001-1527.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Purpose: The BSC, NIOSH is charged with providing advice to the Director, NIOSH on NIOSH research programs. Specifically, the Board shall provide guidance on the Institute's research activities related to developing and evaluating hypotheses, systematically documenting findings, and disseminating results.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include a report from the Director of NIOSH;

Report from Subcommittee for Agricultural Review; Report on the NORA Risk Assessment Meeting; Interim Report from Subcommittee on Beryllium Research; Vermiculite and Other Potential Asbestos Containing Minerals; NIOSH Activities Under the New DOE Workers' Compensation Program; and future activities of the Board.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Kathleen Rest, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, BSC, NIOSH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 715H, Washington, DC 20201, telephone: 202/401-0721, fax: 202/260-4464, e-mail: kr9@cdc.gov.

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Dated: November, 6, 2000.

Carolyn J. Russell,

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: Submission for OMB Review; 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: New collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Medicare beneficiary line survey; **Form No.:** HCFA-10013 (OMB# 0938-NEW); **Use:** This survey will be used by the Michigan Peer Review Organization to obtain information that will assist it in improving its services; **Frequency:** On occasion; **Affected Public:** Individuals or households; **Number of Respondents:** 3,600; **Total Annual Responses:** 360; **Total Annual Hours:** 90.

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 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Wendy Taylor, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 31, 2000.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Renewal Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are submitting the collection of information described below to OMB for renewal under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and/or explanatory material, contact the

Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must submit comments on or before December 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the requirement to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, and to Rebecca Mullin, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20204.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (703) 358-2287; rebecca_mullin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information concerning numbers of double-crested cormorants taken under the Depredation Order (50 CFR 21.47). We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. A previous 60 day notice was published (July 28, 2000, pages 46488-46489) in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment. One comment was received.

Comments

A letter from the National Aquaculture Association (NAA) stated that although they felt the time burden was underestimated, the burden is justified because the information collection is "vital to the overall management program." NAA also suggested that publishing an on-line summary of the results of the information collection (*i.e.*, the number of cormorants killed under the Depredation Order) would be useful and that online reporting should be considered.

Response

While we do not feel that these comments justify revising the estimated time burden, we will consider the idea of using the internet for information