

The workshop will include a segment on FDA's enforcement policies and procedures as they relate to the medical gas industry. The workshop is free of charge to interested participants. FDA is particularly interested in participation by medical gas manufacturing firms in Ohio and Kentucky.

Dated: November 14, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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Health Care Financing Administration

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New and Pending Demonstration Project Proposals Submitted Pursuant to Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act: September 1996

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: No new proposals for Medicaid demonstration projects were submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services during the month of September 1996 under the authority of section 1115 of the Social Security Act. There were no proposals approved, disapproved, or withdrawn during that time period. Pending proposals remain unchanged. (This notice can be accessed on the Internet at [HTTP://WWW.HCFA.GOV/ORD/ORDHP1.HTML](http://WWW.HCFA.GOV/ORD/ORDHP1.HTML).)

COMMENTS: We will accept written comments on these proposals. We will, if feasible, acknowledge receipt of all comments, but we will not provide written responses to comments. We will, however, neither approve nor disapprove any new proposal for at least 30 days after the date of this notice to allow time to receive and consider comments. Direct comments as indicated below:

ADDRESSES: Mail correspondence to: Susan Anderson, Office of Research and Demonstrations, Health Care Financing Administration, Mail Stop C3-11-07, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Anderson, (410) 786-3996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (the Act), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may consider and approve research and

demonstration proposals with a broad range of policy objectives. These demonstrations can lead to improvements in achieving the purposes of the Act.

In exercising her discretionary authority, the Secretary has developed a number of policies and procedures for reviewing proposals. On September 27, 1994, we published a notice in the Federal Register (59 FR 49249) that specified (1) the principles that we ordinarily will consider when approving or disapproving demonstration projects under the authority in section 1115(a) of the Act; (2) the procedures we expect States to use in involving the public in the development of proposed demonstration projects under section 1115; and (3) the procedures we ordinarily will follow in reviewing demonstration proposals. We are committed to a thorough and expeditious review of State requests to conduct such demonstrations.

As part of our procedures, we publish a notice in the Federal Register with a monthly listing of all new submissions, pending proposals, approvals, disapprovals, and withdrawn proposals. Proposals submitted in response to a grant solicitation or other competitive process are reported as received during the month that grant or bid is awarded, so as to prevent interference with the awards process.

II. Listing of New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals for the Month of September 1996

A. Comprehensive Health Reform Programs

1. New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals

We did not receive any new proposals or approve or disapprove any proposals during the month of September nor were any proposals withdrawn during that month. Therefore, pending proposals for the month of July 1996 published in the Federal Register of September 11, 1996, 61 FR 47946, remain unchanged.

B. Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals

1. New, Pending, Approved, Disapproved, and Withdrawn Proposals

We did not receive any new proposals or approve or disapprove any Other Section 1115 Demonstration Proposals during the month of September nor were any proposals withdrawn during that month.

Pending proposals for the month of July found in the Federal Register of

September 11, 1996, 61 FR 47946 and the month of August found in the Federal Register of September 26, 1996, 61 FR 50493 remain unchanged.

III. Requests for Copies of a Proposal

Requests for copies of a specific Medicaid proposal should be made to the State contact listed for the specific proposal. If further help or information is needed, inquiries should be directed to HCFA at the address above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program, No. 93.779; Health Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Experiments)

Dated: October 31, 1996.

Barbara Cooper,

Acting Director, Office of Research and Demonstrations.

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Medicare Program; December 16, 1996 Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 16, 1996, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t. (The spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17, 1997, in Washington, D.C.)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium, 1st Floor, Health Care Financing Administration Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel Shekar, M.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 425-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 260-5463.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the

Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the consultation must occur before publication of the proposed changes. The Council submits an annual report on its recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, each of whom has submitted at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare or Medicaid in the previous year. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members must be doctors of medicine or osteopathy authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the States in which they practice. Members have been invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms. In accordance with section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action before the end of the 2-year term.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992.

The current members are: Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Wayne R. Carlsen, D.O.; Gary C. Dennis, M.D.; Catalina E. Garcia, M.D.; Kenneth D. Hansen, M.D.; Mary T. Herald, M.D.; Ardis Hoven, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Jerilynn S. Kaibel, D.C.; Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; Marc Lowe, M.D.; Katherine L. Markette, M.D.; Susan Schooley, M.D.; Maisie Tam, M.D.; and Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D. The chairperson is Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on December 16, 1996. The Council agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following three items:

- Welfare reform: impact on the Medicaid program.
- Implications for the Medicare and Medicaid programs of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-191), enacted on August 21, 1996.
- Establishing a standard identifier for health care providers regulation.

Council members will also receive practice expense, managed care, and Medicaid updates. Individuals or organizations who wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the above issues should contact the Executive Director by 12:00 noon, December 2, 1996, to be scheduled. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 12:00 noon, December 6, 1996.

Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Executive Director by 12:00 noon, December 6, 1996. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

(Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 45 CFR Part 11)

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

Dated: November 8, 1996.

Bruce C. Vladeck,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Health Professions and Nurse Education Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) Meetings:

Name of SEP: Graduate Training in Family Medicine Peer Review Group.

Date and Time: January 27-30, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Open on: January 27, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Remainder of Meeting.

Name of SEP: Graduate Training in Family Medicine Peer Review Group.

Date and Time: February 3-6, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Open on: February 3, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Remainder of Meeting.

Name of SEP: Advanced General Dentistry Peer Review Group.

Date and Time: February 10-12, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Open on: February 10, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Remainder of Meeting.

Name of SEP: IM/GP Residency Training Peer Review Group.

Date and Time: February 18-21, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Open on: February 18, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Remainder of Meeting.

Name of SEP: Faculty Development Peer Review Group.

Date and Time: February 24-27, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Open on: February 24, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Remainder of Meeting.

Name of SEP: Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine Peer Review Group.

Date and Time: March 10-13, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Open on: March 10, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Remainder of Meeting.

Name of SEP: Departments of Family Medicine Peer Review Group.

Date and Time: May 19-21, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Open on: May 19, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Closed for Remainder of Meeting.

Purpose: The Health Professions and Nurse Education Special Emphasis Panel shall advise the Director of the Bureau of Health Professions on the technical merit of grants to improve the training, distribution, utilization, and quality of personnel required to staff the Nation's health care delivery system.

Agenda: The open portion of each meeting will cover welcome and opening remarks, financial management and legislative implementation updates, and overview of the review process. The meetings will be closed after 11:00 a.m. on the first day of each meeting until adjournment for the review of grant applications. The closing is in accordance with the provision set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S. Code, and the Determination by the Associate Administrator for Policy Coordination, Health Resources and Services Administration, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should write or contact Mrs. Sherry Whipple, Program Analyst, Peer Review Branch, Parklawn Building, Room 9A-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone (301) 443-5926.

Agenda Items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: November 14, 1996.

Jackie E. Baum,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, HRSA.

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National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; List of Petitions Received

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.