

2. Multistate Case-Control Study of Childhood Brain Cancers—New—The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is mandated pursuant to the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), and its 1986 Amendments, The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from exposure to hazardous substances in the environment. Scientific knowledge is lacking concerning the reasons for the apparent rise in childhood brain cancer incidence during the last two decades in the U.S. and for explanations of childhood brain cancer in general. To

date, most epidemiologic studies exploring the causes of childhood brain cancer have suffered from lack of statistical power due to the small numbers of cases available for the study. By combining recent childhood brain cancer data from multiple states, this study will help to better understand what environmental factors may be associated with childhood brain cancer, and therefore, to possibly develop well-focused prevention measures.

This study will examine the association between environmental exposures and risk of childhood brain cancers by employing a population based case-control study of childhood brain cancer. Information to be collected includes proximity of parental residence

to hazardous waste sites and other known or suspected risk factors. Other known or purported risk factors identified from the literature, will include both environmental and host factors during the prenatal as well as postnatal periods: parental occupation, parents' and child's dietary habits, parental history of smoking and drinking, mother's and child's exposure to radiation through medical care, residential use of pesticides or herbicides, mother's and child's history of viral infection, and family history of cancer and neurological disorders. This request is for a three-year OMB approval. Total annual burden hours are 603.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)*
Screener for controls	16,000	1	0.05	800
Mothers of children with childhood brain cancers and controls (interview)	1,200	1	0.75	900
Mothers of children with early childhood brain cancers and controls (biological testing)	100	1	1.083	108

* 1,808 ÷ 3 years = 603 annualized burden hours.

Nancy Cheal,

Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99D-0463]

Foods—Adulteration Involving Hard or Sharp Foreign Objects; Compliance Policy Guide; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a compliance policy guide (CPG) entitled "Foods—Adulteration Involving Hard or Sharp Foreign Objects." This CPG is intended to help FDA components and industry comply with FDA's internal enforcement process concerning foods that contain hard or sharp foreign objects.

DATES: Written comments on this CPG may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of Compliance Policy Guide (CPG) Sec. 555.425 "Foods—Adulteration Involving Hard or Sharp

Foreign Objects" to the Director, Division of Compliance Policy (HFC-230), Office of Enforcement, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your request, or fax your request to 301-827-0482. Copies of the CPG may also be downloaded to a personal computer with access to the World Wide Web (WWW). The Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) home page includes the CPG and may be accessed at "http://www.fda.gov/ora". The CPG will be available on the Compliance References page for ORA.

Submit comments to MaryLynn A. Datoc, the second contact person listed in this document in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical Questions Concerning Foreign Objects in Foods: Alan R. Olsen, Microanalytical Branch (HFS-315), Office of Plant, Dairy Foods, and Beverages, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4438, FAX 202-205-4091.

Questions Concerning Regulatory Actions and All Comments: MaryLynn A. Datoc, Division of Compliance Policy (HFC-230), Office of Enforcement, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane,

Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-0413, FAX 301-827-0482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA has developed a CPG to provide guidance on FDA's internal enforcement process concerning foods that contain hard or sharp foreign objects. This guidance synthesizes FDA's case-by-case responses to the problem of hard or sharp foreign objects in food. The CPG is intended to provide clear policy and regulatory guidelines to FDA's field and headquarters staff with regard to such foods. It also contains information that may be useful to the regulated industry and to the public.

Therefore, FDA has prepared a CPG to describe its internal enforcement process. The CPG is being issued as a guidance document and represents the agency's current thinking on the subject. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public.

The agency has adopted good guidance practices (GGP's) that set forth the agency's policies and procedures for the development, issuance, and use of guidance documents (62 FR 8961, February 27, 1997). This CPG is being issued as a level 2 guidance consistent with GGP's.

Interested persons may submit to the second contact person listed in this document written comments regarding the CPG entitled "Foods—Adulteration Involving Hard or Sharp Foreign Objects." Two copies of any comments

are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the CPG and received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: March 23, 1999.

Gary Dykstra,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

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:* Withholding Medicare Payments to Recover Medicaid Overpayments and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447.31; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0021 (OMB# 0938-0287); *Use:* Overpayments may occur in either the Medicare and Medicaid program, at times resulting in a situation where an institution or person that provides services owes a repayment to one program while still receiving reimbursement from the other. Certain Medicaid providers which are subject to offsets for the collection of

Medicaid overpayments may terminate or substantially reduce their participation in Medicaid, leaving the State Medicaid Agency unable to recover the amounts due. These information collection requirements give HCFA the authority to recover Medicaid overpayments by offsetting payments due to a provider under the program; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 54; *Total Annual Responses:* 27; *Total Annual Hours:* 81.

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 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: March 25, 1999.

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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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), Correction to the **Federal Register** Notice dated August 31, 1998, are listed below for the Health Professions and Nurse Education Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) Meetings.

Name: Physician Assistants Program Review Group.

Date and Time: May 3-5, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., New Session.

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

Open on: May 3, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Closed on: May 3, 1999, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; May 4-5, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Name: Health Careers Opportunity Program Review Group.

Date and Time: June 21-25, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Change from May 10-13, 1999.

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

Open on: June 21, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Closed on: June 21, 1999, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., June 22-25, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Name: Health Careers Opportunity Program Review Group.

Date and Time: June 28-July 2, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Change from May 24-27, 1999.

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

Open on: June 28, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Closed on: June 28, 1999, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., June 29-July 2, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy, Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following national advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of April 1999.

Name: Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality.

Date and Time: April 12, 1999, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., April 13, 1999, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn at Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 589-0800.

The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda: Topics that will be discussed include: Early Postpartum Discharge; Low-Birth Weight; Discrepancies in Infant Mortality; and the Healthy Start Program.

Anyone requiring information regarding the Committee should contact Dr. Peter C. van Dyck, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 18-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443-2170.

Persons interested in attending any portion of the meeting or having questions regarding the meeting should contact Ms. Kerry P.