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).

Time and Date: 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., December 12–13, 2002.

Place: CDC, Auditorium B, Building 1, 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
 - a. Institute of Medicine
 - b. Global Strategy
 - c. Budget
- 2. Program Update:
 - a. West Nile
 - b. Prion Disease
 - c. Influenza Pandemic Planning
 - d. Polio Lab Survey
- 3. Bioterrorism Updates and Discussion
 - a. Organizational Update
 - b. Smallpox
 - c. Quarantine
 - d. Global Health Security
- 4. Board meets with Director, CDC
- 5. Discussions and Recommendations

Other agenda items include announcements/introductions; follow-up on actions recommended by the Board May 2002; 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: Tony Johnson, Office of the Director, NCID, CDC, M/S C-19, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, email tjohnson3@cdc.gov; telephone 404/639-0100.

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 12, 2002.

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

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as 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.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Durable Medicare Equipment Regional Carrier, Certificate of Medical Necessity and Supporting Documentation Requirements; Form No.: CMS-843 (OMB# 0938-0875); Use: This information is needed to correctly process claims and ensure that claims are properly paid. These forms contain medical information and supporting documentation necessary to make appropriate claims determinations. Suppliers and physicians will complete these forms and as needed supply additional routine supporting documentation necessary to process claims; Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Business or other forprofit, Federal Government, Not-forprofit institutions; Number of Respondents: 2,700; Total Annual Responses: 129,000; Total Annual Hours: 32,250.

2. Type of Information Collection *Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Durable Medical **Equipment Regional Carrier, Certificate** of Medical Necessity and Supporting Documentation Requirements; Form No.: CMS-841, 842, 844-853 (OMB# 0938–0679); Use: This information is needed to correctly process claims and ensure that claims are properly paid. These forms and supporting documentation contain medical information necessary to make appropriate claims determinations. Suppliers and physicians will complete these forms and as needed supply additional routine supporting documentation necessary to process claims; Frequency: On occasion; Affected Public: Business or other forprofit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government; Number of Respondents: 137,300; Total Annual Responses: 6.7 million; Total Annual Hours: 1.13 million.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at http://cms.hhs.gov/ regulations/pra/default.asp, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS 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 CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Dawn Willinghan, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-

Dated: November 7, 2002.

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Paperwork Reduction Act Team Leader, , CMS Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Strategic Operations and Strategic Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances. [FR Doc. 02–29129 Filed 11–15–02; 8:45 am]

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