

affected parties. These individuals or groups are invited to attend a public scoping meeting that will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 1995, at the City of Lakewood City Council Chambers, 445 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado. Written comments will be accepted for 30 days thereafter until January 8, 1995.

Dated: November 2, 1995.

Polly Baca,

Regional Administrator, General Services Administration, Rocky Mountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 95N-0368]

Cord Blood Stem Cells: Discussion of Procedures for Preparation and Storage; Notice of Public Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public workshop to discuss procedures for preparation and storage of cord blood stem cells. The purpose of this scientific workshop, sponsored by FDA and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, is to identify and discuss the steps for the collection, processing, and storage of cord blood for transplantation and to identify areas in need of further research. The scientific information presented at this workshop will aid FDA in regulating cord blood stem cells and identifying product standards.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on December 13, 1995, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Preregistration is recommended because seating is limited. Registration is requested by December 7, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held at the National Institutes of Health, Natcher Conference Center, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 45, conference room E, Bethesda, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding information on registration: Wanda Keyes, Prospect Associates, 1801 Rockville Pike, suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-468-6555, or FAX 301-770-5164.

Regarding information on this document: Liana Harvath, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-335), Food and

Drug Administration, 8800 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 29, rm. 321, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-2577.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this workshop is to identify and discuss, insofar as present technology permits, steps for collection, processing, and storage of cord blood stem cells for transplantation and to identify what additional scientific data is needed in this area.

Topics to be discussed include the following: informed consent, medical history, screening of the donor's mother and cord blood stem cells for infectious agents, collection location, collection containers, anticoagulants, red blood cell depletion methods, short-term and long-term storage conditions, freezing methods, histocompatibility testing, development of cord blood product standards, and a quality assurance program.

FDA intends to make available at this workshop a draft document discussing the regulatory approach FDA believes is appropriate for placental umbilical cord blood stem cell products for transplantation and, shortly thereafter, will publish in the Federal Register a notice of availability for the draft document. FDA will solicit written comments on its draft document. Written comments received will be reviewed and considered in determining whether amendments to, or revisions of, the approach are warranted.

Dated: November 20, 1995.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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Health Care Financing Administration

Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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 summaries of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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:** Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and Skilled Nursing Facility Health Care Complex Cost Report; Form No.: HCFA-2540; Use: The Skilled Nursing Facility and Skilled Nursing Facility Health Care Complex Cost Report is the cost report to be used by freestanding SNFs to submit annual information to achieve a settlement of costs for health care services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries. Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Business or other for profit, not for profit institutions, and State, local, or tribal government; Number of Respondents: 7,000; Total Annual Responses: 7,000; Total Annual Hours Requested: 1,372,000.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Attention: Louis Blank, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: November 6, 1995.

Kathleen B. Larson,

Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources.

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Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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