(BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can ''reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices'' (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 15, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

*1. Menomonie Financial Services Inc., Retirement Plan*, Menomonie, Wisconsin; to become a bank holding company by acquiring an additional 19 percent, for a total of 25.67 percent of the voting shares of Menomonie Shares, Inc., Menomonie, Wisconsin, Menomonie Financial Services, Inc., Menomonie, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire First Bank and Trust, Menomonie, Wisconsin.

*2. Norwest Corporation*, Minneapolis, Minnesota; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of West Columbia National Bank, West Columbia, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 17, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

*Deputy Secretary of the Board*

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## Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies That are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.25 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.25) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the notice has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether consummation of the proposal can ''reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices'' (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 6, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

*1. Capitol Bancorporation, Inc.*, Britton, South Dakota; to engage *de novo* in lending activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

*2. Fulda Bancorporation, Inc.*, Britton, South Dakota; to engage *de novo* in lending activities, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 17, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

*Deputy Secretary of the Board*

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research: 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:* Advisory Committee for Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research.

*Times and Dates:* 9 a.m.–5 p.m., November 7, 1996. 9 a.m.–12 noon, November 8, 1996.

*Place:* Radisson Barcelo Hotel, 2121 P Street NW., Washington, DC 20037, telephone 202/293–3100, FAX 202/857–0134.

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

*Purpose:* This committee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS); the Assistant Secretary for Health; the Director, CDC; and the Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), on the establishment of a research agenda and the conduct of a research program pertaining to energy-related analytic epidemiologic studies. The Committee will take into consideration information and proposals provided by the Advisory Committee for Environment, Safety, and Health which was established by the Department of Energy (DOE) under the guidelines of a Memorandum of Understanding between HHS and DOE, and other agencies and organizations, regarding the direction HHS should take in establishing the research agenda and in the development of a research plan.

*Matters to be Discussed:* Agenda items will include: updates on the progress of current

studies from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and ATSDR; a discussion of Work Group recommendations, and public involvement activities.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

An unavoidable administrative delay prevented meeting the 15-day publication requirement.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Nadine Dickerson, Program Analyst, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F–35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3724, telephone 770/488–7040, FAX 770/488–7044.

Dated: October 18, 1996.

Carolyn J. Russell,

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## Health Care Financing Administration

**[OACT–052–N]**

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## Medicare Program; Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 1997

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by section 1839 of the Social Security Act, this notice announces the monthly actuarial rates for aged (age 65 or over) and disabled (under age 65) enrollees in the Medicare Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) program for 1997. It also announces the monthly SMI premium rate to be paid by all enrollees during 1997. The monthly actuarial rates for 1997 are $87.50 for aged enrollees and $110.40 for disabled enrollees. The monthly SMI premium rate for 1997 is $43.80.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1997.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carter S. Warfield, (410) 786–6396.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

The Medicare Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) program is the voluntary Medicare part B program that pays all or part of the costs for physicians' services, outpatient hospital services, home health services, services furnished by rural health clinics, ambulatory surgical centers, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities, and certain other medical and health services not covered by hospital insurance (Medicare Part A). The SMI program is available to individuals who are entitled to hospital insurance and to U.S. residents who have attained age 65 and are citizens, or aliens who were lawfully admitted for permanent residence and have resided in the United States for 5 consecutive years. This program requires enrollment and payment of monthly premiums, as provided in 42 CFR part 407, subpart B, and part 408, respectively. The difference between the premiums paid by all enrollees and total incurred costs is met from the general revenues of the Federal government.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services is required by section 1839 of the Social Security Act (the Act) to issue two annual notices relating to the SMI program.

One notice announces two amounts that, according to actuarial estimates, will equal respectively, one-half the expected average monthly cost of SMI for each aged enrollee (age 65 or over) and one-half the expected average monthly cost of SMI for each disabled enrollee (under age 65) during the year beginning the following January. These amounts are called ''monthly actuarial rates.''

The second notice announces the monthly SMI premium rate to be paid by aged and disabled enrollees for the year beginning the following January. (Although the costs to the program per disabled enrollee are different than for the aged, the law provides that they pay the same premium amount.) Beginning with the passage of section 203 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92–603), enacted on October 30, 1972, the premium rate, which was determined on a fiscal year basis, was limited to the lesser of the actuarial rate for aged enrollees, or the current monthly premium rate increased by the same percentage as the most recent general increase in monthly title II social security benefits.

However, the passage of section 124 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) (Public Law 97–248), enacted on September 3, 1982, suspended this premium determination process. Section 124 of TEFRA changed the premium basis to 50 percent of the monthly actuarial rate for aged enrollees (that is, 25 percent of program costs for aged enrollees). Section 606 of the Social Security Amendments of 1983 (Public Law 98–21), enacted on April 20, 1983; section 2302 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 (DRA) (Public Law 98–369), enacted on July 18, 1984; section 9313 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA 1985) (Public Law 99–272), enacted on April 7, 1986; section 4080 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA 1987) (Public Law 100–203), enacted on December 22, 1987; and section 6301 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989 (OBRA 1989) (Public Law 101–239), enacted on December 19, 1989, extended the provision that the premium be based on 50 percent of the monthly actuarial rate for aged enrollees (that is, 25 percent of program costs for aged enrollees). This extension expired at the end of 1990.

The premium rate for 1991 through 1995 was legislated by section 1839(e)(1)(B) of the Act, as added by section 4301 of the Omnibus Budget