

following title: *Division of Prevention Application and Education (MPF)*.

Section M-40, Delegations of Authority. All delegations and redelegations of authority to officers and employees of SAMHSA that were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization shall continue in effect in them.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

Nelba Chavez,

Administrator, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Announces the Following Meeting

Name: State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Surveillance of Blood Lead Levels in Children Grantees.

Times and Dates:

1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., January 27, 1998.
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., January 28, 1998.
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., January 29, 1998.
8:30 a.m.-12 noon, January 30, 1998.

Place: Holiday Inn-Select Atlanta Perimeter-Dunwoody, 4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/457-6363.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for childhood lead poisoning prevention coordinators and data administrators to review program progress and discuss prevention issues and concerns.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include a discussion on CDC's new screening guidance; establishing a data system for implementing screening guidance; and data recommendations. There will be information presented regarding computer programming issues and how it is related to data analysis and the use of data to make decisions.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Claudette Grant, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-42, Atlanta,

Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-7330.

Persons wishing to make written or oral comments at the meeting should notify the contact person in writing or by telephone no later than close of business January 20, 1998.

All requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Depending on the time available and the number of requests to make oral comments, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

Julia M. Fuller,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Request for Nominations for Members of Public Advisory Committees; Food Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Food Advisory Committee (the Committee) in FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Nominations will be accepted for current vacancies and vacancies that will or may occur on the Committee during the next 12 months.

FDA has special interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory committees and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations of appropriately qualified female, minority, or physically handicapped candidates. Final selection from among qualified candidates for each vacancy will be determined by the expertise required to meet specific agency needs and in a manner to ensure appropriate balance of membership.

DATES: February 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership, except for consumer-nominated members, should be sent to Catherine M. DeRoeover (address below). All nominations for the consumer-nominated members should be sent to Annette J. Funn (address below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding all nominations for membership, except consumer-nominated members: Catherine M. DeRoeover, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-22), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4251.

Regarding all nominations for consumer-nominated members: Annette J. Funn, Office of Consumer Affairs (HFE-88), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-5006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is requesting nominations for members to serve on the advisory committee listed below. Individuals should have expertise in the activity of the Committee. Vacancies will occur June 30, 1998.

Food Advisory Committee

The Committee provides advice primarily to the Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, and as needed, to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and other appropriate officials, on emerging food safety, food science, and nutrition issues that FDA considers of primary importance. The Committee also provides advice and makes recommendations on ways of communicating to the public the potential risks associated with these issues and recommends approaches to be considered in addressing them.

Criteria for Members

Persons nominated for membership on the Committee shall be knowledgeable in the fields of physical sciences, biological and life sciences, food science, risk assessment, and other relevant scientific disciplines. The agency is particularly interested in considering candidates from a variety of medical specialties because many issues brought before the committee involve medical or epidemiologic impact on nutrients, additives, contaminants, or other constituents of the diet. The term of office is up to 4 years.

The Committee includes technically qualified members who are identified with consumer interests and representatives of industry interests.

Nomination Procedures

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Committee. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude Committee membership.

Additionally, the nominee's mailing address, telephone number, and curriculum vitae must accompany the nominations. The agency cannot guarantee further consideration of nominations that do not include this requested information. Potential candidates will be asked by FDA to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, employment, consultancies, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

Criteria for Consumer-Nominated Members

Selection of representatives of consumer interests will be conducted through procedures that include use of a consortium of consumer organizations which has the responsibility for screening, interviewing, and recommending candidates for the agency's selection. Candidates from this group, like all other candidates for membership on the Committee, should possess appropriate qualifications to understand and contribute to the Committee's work.

Industry Representatives

Regarding nominations for members representing industry interests, a letter will be sent to each person or organization that has made a nomination and to other organizations that have expressed an interest in participating in the selection process together with a complete list of all such organizations and the nominees. The letter will state that it is the responsibility of each nominator or organization that has expressed an interest in participating in the selection process to consult with the others to provide a consensus slate of possible members representing industry interests within 60 days. In the event that a slate of nominees has not been provided within 60 days, the agency will select an industry representative for each such vacancy from the entire list of industry nominees to avoid delay or disruption of the work of the Committee. The agency is particularly interested in nominees that possess the essential scientific credentials needed to participate fully and knowledgeably in the Committee's deliberations. In addition to this expertise, the agency believes that it would be an advantage to the Committee's work if the individual(s) had special insight and direct experience into specific industry-wide issues, practices, and concerns that might not otherwise be available to others not similarly situated.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: January 2, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,
Deputy Commissioner for Operations.
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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

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 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Physician Communication Survey; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-225; *Use:* This is a request for clearance for a survey of physicians to determine their information needs regarding Medicare and Medicaid issues. The survey will provide information for HCFA's Office of Strategic Planning, Research & Evaluation Group, Division of Payment Research to support a communication strategy for physicians treating Medicare beneficiaries. It is part of a larger effort of market research aimed at understanding the communication needs of HCFA providers and other partners. This information will answer two questions on physicians' preferences to help guide HCFA's communication strategy: (1) what information physicians want from

HCFA, and (2) how physicians want to receive such information. This survey is designed to provide data that will help answer and prioritize these questions. *Frequency:* One time; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 650; *Total Annual Responses:* 650; *Total Annual Hours:* 217.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, 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, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: John Rudolph, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

John P. Burke III,
HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Health Care Financing Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. 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