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Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Limitation on Liability and Information Collection Requirements Referenced in 42 CFR 411.404, 411.406, and 411.408;

Form No.: HCFA-R-77 (OMB# 0938-0465);

Use: The Medicare program requires to provide written notification of noncovered services to beneficiaries by the providers, practitioners, and suppliers. The notification gives the beneficiary, provider, practitioner, or supplier knowledge that Medicare will not pay for items or services mentioned in the notification. After this notification, any future claim for the same or similar services will not be paid by the program and the affected parties will be liable for the noncovered services.

Frequency: Other; as needed;

Affected Public: Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 890,826;

Total Annual Responses: 3,563,304;

Total Annual Hours: 296,942.

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: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: June 28, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-1140-N]

Medicare Program; Question and Answer Session on July 24, 2000 To Discuss Remaining Concerns About the Implementation of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS)

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting to provide an opportunity for hospital administrators, hospital industry representatives, hospital professionals, community mental health centers, home health agencies, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities, beneficiary advocates and other interested parties, to have pre-submitted questions and issues answered regarding remaining concerns they may have about the August, 2000 implementation of the hospital outpatient prospective payment system. Appropriate HCFA staff will be present to ensure that those questions and concerns will be answered.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2000 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., E.D.T. The morning session (9:30 a.m. until 12) will be for hospital providers and the afternoon session (1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.) will be for other providers; that is, community mental health centers (CMHCs), home health agencies (HHAs), and comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities (CORFs).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the HCFA Central Office Main Auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Hunt, (410) 786-7874 or Mary Loane, (410) 786-1405 (for registration information and pre-submitted questions).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 7, 2000 a final rule with comment period on the hospital outpatient prospective payment system (PPS) was published. This new PPS will go into effect for hospital outpatient services designated by the Secretary, certain Part B services furnished to hospital inpatients who have no Part A coverage, and partial hospitalization services furnished by community mental health centers. This outpatient

PPS was enacted as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. This meeting will provide a forum, for outpatient facilities, to receive answers to their pre-submitted questions and issues concerning the August, 2000, implementation of hospital outpatient PPS.

The format of the meeting will be a question and answer session. Appropriate HCFA staff will be present to ensure that questions and concerns will be answered.

During this session, major provider organizations are invited to give a brief pre-scheduled statement on the coming implementation of the outpatient PPS. Those organizations wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should submit their statement in writing to HCFA not less than 3 working days prior to this meeting and make copies available to attendees on the day of the conference.

While the meeting is open to the public, attendance is limited to space available. Individuals must register in advance as described below.

Registration

Individuals may register by following the directions soon to be posted on the HCFA website, www.hcfa.gov. Once individuals are on this website, they will need to highlight the red bullet, in the lower right hand corner, titled "Events, Meetings, and Workgroups." Individuals should also submit questions they would like to have answered, no later than July 14, 2000, by following the directions soon to be posted on the same HCFA website, www.hcfa.gov. The registration site will link you to the site for submission of questions.

Each participant will be provided with a meeting agenda at the time of the meeting.

If individuals have questions regarding registration; would like to register by phone; or would like to submit questions regarding hospital outpatient PPS issue, they should contact Judy Hunt (410) 786-7874 or Mary Loane (410) 786-1405.

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