DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NIAID Blue Ribbon Panel Meeting on Adjuvant Discovery and Development

Notice is hereby given that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), will convene a Blue Ribbon Panel to provide expertise in developing a strategic plan and research agenda for the discovery, development and clinical evaluation of adjuvants for use with preventive vaccines. NIAID has developed a draft Strategic Plan and Research Agenda for Adjuvant Discovery and Development, which summarizes the current status of research in the field of preventive vaccine adjuvants, identifies gaps in knowledge and capabilities, and defines NIAID’s goals for the continued discovery, development and application of adjuvants for human vaccines that protect against infectious disease. The Panel will review the draft Strategic Plan and Research Agenda and recommend ways the NIAID can enhance its adjuvant research programs.


ADDRESSES: The meeting location is: Rockville—Hilton Hotel (Roosevelt Room), 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20850.

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SUMMARY: The NTP announces an amended date for submission of written public comments for the November 30–December 1, 2010 meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). Information regarding the BSC meeting was published on October 19, 2010, in the Federal Register (75 FR 201) and is available on the BSC meeting page (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165). The guidelines and deadlines published in this Federal Register notice still apply, except that the deadline for submission of written comments is extended to November 16, 2010.

DATES: The BSC meeting will be held on November 30–December 1, 2010. The deadline for submission of written comments and for pre-registration to attend the meeting, including registering to present oral comments, is November 16, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The BSC meeting will be held in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the NIEHS, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Public comments on all agenda topics and any other correspondence should be submitted to Dr. Lori White, Designated Federal Officer for the BSC, NTP Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, K2–03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919–541–9834; fax: 919–541–0295; whiteld@niehs.nih.gov. Courier address: NIEHS, 530 Davis Drive, Room K2136, Morrisville, NC 27560.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 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: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan Program Solicitation and Contractor’s Proposal Package; Use: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is requesting a renewal of this package by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); specifically, HHS is now seeking a three-year approval for this collection. On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act), Public Law 111–148. Section 1101 of the law establishes a “temporary high risk health insurance pool program” (which has been named the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan, or PCIP) to provide health insurance coverage to currently uninsured individuals with pre-existing conditions. The law authorizes HHS to carry out the program directly or through contracts with States or private, non-profit entities.

This package renewal is requested as a result of a possible transition in administration of the program from a Federally-run to a State administered program. A State who originally decided to have HHS administer the program in their State may in the future notify HHS of their desire to administer the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) program. PCIP is also referred to as the temporary qualified high risk insurance pool program, as it is called in the Affordable Care Act, but we have adopted the term PCIP to better describe the program and avoid confusion with the existing State high risk pool programs. Form Number: CMS–10319 (OMB#: 0938–1085); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: State governments; Number of Respondents: 2; Total Annual Responses: 2; Total Annual Hours: 2,992. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Laura Dash at 301–492–4296. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)