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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 66 FR 56562-63, dated November 8, 2001) is amended to reorganize the Accounting Branch, Financial Management Office.

Section C-B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete the functional statement for the Accounting Branch (HCAC2) and insert the following:

(1) In conjunction with the Financial Policy and Internal Quality Assurance Activity, develops accounting and travel policies and procedures for CDC; (2) provides financial information for management purposes, effective control and accountability of all funds, and suitable integration of CDC accounting with the accounting operations of the U.S. Treasury; (3) coordinates activities of the Accounting Branch with the FMO Director, the FMO Budget Branch, the FMO Financial Services Branch, the Financial Policy and Internal Quality Assurance Activity, and the FMO Financial Systems Branch; (4) coordinates accounting and travel policy issues with the HHS Office of Financial Policy; (5) reviews and develops accounting systems to comply with requirements of HHS and the General Accounting Office and maintains an integrated system of accounts to meet the budgetary and accounting requirements of CDC; (6) reviews and implements the legal, accounting and reporting requirements of the Chief Financial Officer's Act, the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, the Principles of Appropriation Law and other regulatory requirements; (7) compiles all accounting information for the 5-Year Financial Management Plan which provides CDC's financial

management vision and objectives for the ensuing 5 years period; (8) develops strategies for employee training and professional development and (9) complies and submits the annual financial statements required by the Chief Financial Officers' Act.

Delete the in its entirety the title and functional statement for the Accounts Payable Section (HCAC22).

Delete the functional statement for the Cincinnati Accounting Section (HCAC23) and insert the following:

(1) Maintains a system of accounts to meet the budgetary and accounting requirements of the NIOSH accounting point; (2) provides financial information for management purposes, effective control and accountability of all accounting point funds, and integration of NIOSH accounting with the accounting and reporting operations of CDC and the U.S. Treasury; (3) coordinates the NIOSH accounting point accounts payable and receivable activities including auditing of vouchers; (4) reviews the NIOSH accounting point system for compliance with CDC, HHS and General Accounting Office requirements; and (5) reconciles NIOSH accounting point general ledger accounts including cash, property and receivables.

Delete the functional statements for the Debt and Property Management Section (HCAC24) and insert the following:

(1) Compiles and submits the quarterly HHS Debt Management report which reports the status of all unpaid debts due to CDC from the public; (2) compiles and submits the annual Treasury report of debts due to CDC; (3) performs all debt collection activities in accordance with the Debt Collection Act of 1982 and in accordance with requirements provided by HHS; (4) prepares customer billings; (5) collects and records all amounts billed to customers; (6) controls billings and collections processed on the Online Payment and Collection System (OPAC/IPAC) related to debt collection; (7) reconciles accounts receivable subsidiary records to the CDC general ledger receivable accounts; (8) coordinates CDC's debt collection activities with FMO's Financial Services Branch and with CDC program administrative offices; (9) coordinates all debt collection activities with the U.S. Justice Department and with private collection agencies; (10) prepare and controls daily deposits which are delivered to the Federal Reserve Bank; (11) performs property accounting activities including maintenance of general ledger property accounts and reconciliation with the CDC Personal

Property System and (12) maintains travel advance records and reconciles subsidiary records to general ledger advance accounts.

Delete the functional statement for the General Ledger Section (HCAC25) and insert the following:

(1) Compiles and submits the Report of Budget Execution which reports the obligations incurred against the current year appropriation; (2) compiles and submits the monthly Statement of Transactions report to the U.S. Treasury which reports the CDC cash disbursements by appropriation; (3) reconciles general ledger cash accounts with the U.S. Treasury monthly disbursements and receipts; (4) performs daily maintenance on the general ledger accounts including the asset, liability, capital and budgetary accounts; (5) makes recommendations for improvements to the accounting system and monitors internal controls; (6) analyzes the general ledger accounts, prepares system-wide reconciliations and interprets the effect of transactions on the CDC's financial resources; (7) develops new reports to support budget requirements and to support the needs of CDC management; (8) controls input of all funding transactions; (9) performs daily maintenance of accounting system tables; (10) controls grant awards processed through the Payment Management System (PMS) including submission of grant obligations to PMS, recording of disbursements received from PMS and reconciliation of the general ledger accounts.

After the Financial Systems Branch (HCAC5), insert the following:

Financial Services Branch (HCAC6).

(1) In conjunction with the Financial Policy and Internal Quality Assurance Activity, develops and implements policies and procedures for all accounts payable and disbursement functions at CDC; (2) coordinates activities of the Financial Services Branch with the FMO Director, FMO Accounting Branch, FMO Budget Branch, FMO Financial Policy and Internal Quality Assurance Activity, and FMO Financial Systems Branch; (3) coordinates the development of new financial systems to automate accounts payable and disbursement operations, and maintains and serves as the CDC focal point on all existing automated payment and disbursement systems; (4) reviews obligation documents and payment requests from a variety of private sector and government sources to determine the validity and legality of the requests, and provides electronic authorization to the Department of the Treasury to issue checks or electronic funds transfers for valid payment requests; (5) compiles

and submits a variety of cash management and travel reports required by the Department of the Treasury and various other outside agencies; (6) acts as liaison with the CIOs and outside customers to provide financial information, resolve problems and provide training and advice on payment, travel and disbursement issues; (7) serves as the CDC subject matter expert on all financial matters dealing with international travel, assignments and payments; and (8) analyzes internal reports to provide management information on topics such as interest expenses, workload, and various other performance indicators.

Cash Management and Quality Control Section (HCAC62). (1) Overall responsibility for policies, procedures, internal controls and systems related to section payment and disbursement activities; (2) analyzes and reconciles disbursements made for CDC by other Federal activities, and insures that disbursements are consistent with Federal Appropriations Law requirements, GAO policies, interagency elimination entry requirements, and other governing financial regulations; (3) overall responsibility for all financial matters dealing with international travel, assignments and payments; (4) serves as the focal point at CDC for vendor, employee and CIO payment and disbursement questions and resolution of payment and disbursement problems; (5) acts as CDC liaison on all payment issues related to the implementation of the Government Purchase Card Program; (6) maintains contract advance records and coordinates the recording and reconciling of subsidiary records to general ledger advance accounts; (7) serves as the CDC focal point for cashier and imprest fund issues; (8) analyzes year-end liquidated obligations for compliance with Federal Appropriations Laws and the Economy Act, and recommends funding changes to CIO's; and (9) prepares and reconciles all U.S. Treasury Department reports and transmissions and serves as the primary point of contact for all U.S. Treasury issues; (10) performs ongoing quality control reviews of various payment and disbursement processes and systems in the Financial Services Branch, including reviews to ensure compliance with the Prompt Payment Act and to validate the legality, propriety and accounting treatment of travel and non-travel payments at CDC, including reviews of payments processed by the Cincinnati office; (11) identifies recurring problems in payment processes and recommends corrective actions or identifies required

training to correct the deficiency; (12) serves as the focal point for all Federal Income Tax issues for CDC payments, reconciles tax withholding general ledger accounts, and prepares all monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Internal Revenue Service; and (13) establishes local policy and procedures on electronic payments and maintains the automated file containing vendor payment address and banking information.

Payment and Travel Services Section (HCAC63). (1) Develops and implements policies and procedures related to payment processes and systems and ensures appropriate internal controls are in place and functioning to ensure the integrity and legality of CDC payments; (2) analyzes and approves payment for all equipment, supplies, travel, transportation and services procured by CDC, and ensures the validity, legality and proper accounting treatment of expenditures processed through the Accounts Payable module of the CDC Financial Management System; (3) provides expert level guidance, oversight, and interpretation of policies, laws, rules and regulations for the CIO's on all aspects of travel procedures and policies at CDC, including the use of the automated travel system, local travel, domestic and foreign temporary duty travel, and change of station travel for civil service employees, foreign service employees, commissioned officers, CDC fellows, etc.; (4) serves as the Subject Matter Expert and focal point for the development of new financial systems to automate accounts payable operations and serves as the focal point for payment system issues for CDC; (5) researches and analysis appropriations law issues at CDC and provides guidance consistent with legal and regulatory guidelines; (6) complies and submits a variety of management and payment performance reports required by various outside agencies; (7) analyzes various internal reports to provide management information on topics such as interest expenses, workload, and various other performance indicators; (8) coordinates all aspects of CDC's Electronic Commerce Program in the Financial Services Branch; and (9) analyzes a variety of accounting and travel system reports to ensure that obligations are liquidated in a timely manner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Medicare+Choice Organizations—Approval of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations for Medicare+Choice (M+C) Deeming Authority for Managed Care Organizations That Are Licensed as Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) or Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs)

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: This final notice announces the approval of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for deeming authority of Medicare+Choice (M+C) organizations that are licensed as health maintenance organizations (HMOs) or preferred provider organizations (PPOs). We have found that the JCAHO's standards for managed care plans/integrated delivery networks/provider-sponsored organizations (networks) submitted to us and amended during the application process, meet or exceed those established by the Medicare program. Therefore, M+C organizations that are licensed as HMOs or PPOs and are accredited by JCAHO, may receive, at their request, deemed status for the M+C requirements in the six areas—Quality Assurance, Information on Advance Directives, Antidiscrimination, Access to Services, Provider Participation Rules, and Confidentiality and Accuracy of Enrollee Records—that are specified in section 1852(e)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

Regulations set forth in 42 CFR 422.157(b)(2) specify that the Secretary will publish a **Federal Register** notice that indicates whether an accreditation organization's request for approval has been granted and the effective date and term of the approval, which may not exceed 6 years.

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I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services through a managed care organization that has a Medicare+Choice (M+C) contract with us. To enter into an M+C contract, the