

have automatically proceeded to a higher level of review by HCFA's independent contractor. We do not yet capture data on plans' internal appeal activity. Therefore, since our current data collection efforts represent only a portion of a M⁺CO's total appeal activity, it is insufficient to (1) assess plans' performance and provide feedback for improvement of their appeals process; and (2) review "enrollee-specific" appeal trends. (3) allow beneficiaries to make plan to plan comparisons based on the depth of sufficient data.

Through Operational Policy Letters (O.P.Ls) and **Federal Register** notices as well as industry association and beneficiary group meetings, we have made clear our intent to implement a data collection system to which M⁺COs will be required to periodically submit their appeal activity. Prior to finalizing the design of the data collection system, we are interested in validating our requirements of M⁺COs through a public process involving those who will use the information (for example, beneficiaries, M⁺COs, researchers, other purchasers, the public, and us). This public venue will afford us the opportunity to educate the users about our efforts to assist beneficiaries in making informed decisions when choosing plans. It will also serve to educate participants about the breadth of data that can be collected, and to receive input on data to be collected.

Agenda

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with an introduction to the system. We will give an overview to the participants of the proposed data elements to be considered. Informational booklets and writing materials will be provided at the meeting.

After the introduction and initial discussion, participants will be able to break up into four groups, which will be led by facilitators and employees of our staff to review the elements and discuss concerns. The information gathered in these sessions will then be shared and discussed with the group as a whole. Afterwards, the participants will again break up into four separate groups for one last session, which will be shared and discussed with the entire group.

At the conclusion of the meeting we will provide a summary of the meeting, discussions and recommendations for data elements.

Dated: September 8, 2000.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Survey of Nonhuman Primate Research Use

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed project to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: The National Survey of Nonhuman Primate Research Use. *Type of Information Collection Request:* NEW. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) seeks to evaluate the support that it provides investigators for scientific research involving nonhuman primates. NCRR wants to ensure that the NIH support structure for nonhuman primate research permits all investigators with meritorious research proposals to have access to scarce animal and specimen resources. NCRR will collect information using an Internet survey. The online survey will be implemented using SSL (Secure Socket Layer) encryption technology and password access. NCRR will use first-class mail and e-mail messages to advise investigators that they have been selected to participate in the survey. *Frequency of Response:* One time survey. *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions. *Type of Respondents:* NIH-supported investigators. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 878; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Estimated Burden Hours Per Response:* 30; *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 439. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$178,588. There are no

Capital Cost, Operating Cost and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Requests for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed information collection; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Patricia Newman, Program Analyst, NCRR Office of Science Policy, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 5046, Bethesda, MD 20892-7965, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435-0866 or E-mail your request, including your address to: PattyV@ncrr.nih.gov

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: August 31, 2000.

Louise E. Ramm,

Deputy Director, NCRR.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the Cancer Advisory Panel for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAPCAM).

The meeting is open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the

Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, for the discussions of individual patient information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Cancer Advisory Panel for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Date: September 18, 2000.

Open: 1:00 pm to adjournment.

Agenda: The agenda will include a report on clinical trial data on Virulizen (R) use for pancreatic cancer, an update on NIH initiatives for CAM and Cancer treatments, and other business of the Panel.

Closed: 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

Agenda: To discuss individual patient information.

Place: Pooks Hill Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Richard Nahin, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Room 5B36, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-4792.

The public comments session is scheduled from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Each speaker will be permitted 5 minutes for their presentation. Interested individuals and representatives of organizations are requested to notify Dr. Richard Nahin, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, NIH, 31 Center Drive, (MSC 2182), Building 31, Room 5B36, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892, 301-496-4792, Fax 301-402-4741. Letters of intent to present comments, along with a brief description of the organization represented, should be received no later than 5:00 pm on September 13, 2000. Only one representative of an organization may present oral comments. Any person attending the meeting who does not request an opportunity to speak in advance of the meeting may be considered for oral presentation, if time permits. and at the discretion of the Chairperson. In addition, written comments may be submitted to Dr. Nahin at the address listed above up to ten calendar days (September 28, 2000) following the meeting.

Copies of the meeting agenda and the roster of members will be furnished upon request by Dr. Richard Nahin, Executive Secretary, CAPCAM, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 5B36, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, 301 496-4792, Fax 301-402-4741.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

Dated: September 1, 2000.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. the grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: September 6, 2000.

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Stephen M. Nigida, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4112, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-3565.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel

Date: September 21-23, 2000

Time: 7:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hampton Inn, 1101 E. College Avenue, College Station, PA 16801.

Contact Person: Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333,

93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 31, 2000.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

ACTION: New information collection.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) plans to submit the collection of information requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). You may obtain copies of the collection requirement and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. The Service is soliciting comment and suggestions on the requirement as described below.

DATES: Interested parties must submit comments on or before November 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should send comments and suggestions on the requirement to Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 222, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 358-2287 or Rebecca_Mullin@fws.gov E-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Hicks, (703) 358-1851, fax (703) 358-1837, or Jack_Hicks@fws.gov E-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Form: NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

FWS Form Number: 3-2185

OMB Approval Number: 1018-XXXX

The Service will submit to OMB an approval request before collecting information.

Description and Use: The Service administers several grant programs authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Vessel Act, the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act, North American Wetlands