

Clerical personnel, at an hourly rate of \$10, can perform the recordkeeping tasks required under the Rule. Based on the estimated hour burden of 22,300 hours, the estimated cost burden for recordkeeping is \$223,000 ( $\$10 \times 22,300$  hours).

The two hours required of each provider, on average, to update price lists should consist of approximately 1.5 hours of managerial or professional time, at \$75 per hour, and .5 hours of clerical time, at \$10 per hour, for a total of \$117.50 per provider. Thus, the estimated total cost burden for maintaining price lists is \$2,620,250 ( $\$117.50 \times 22,300$  providers).

The cost of providing written documentation of the goods and services selected by the consumer is 2,899 hours of managerial or professional time at approximately \$75 per hour, or \$217,425.

The cost of responding to telephone inquiries about offerings or prices is 10,350 hours of managerial or professional time at \$75, or \$776,250.

The total labor cost of the three disclosure requirements imposed by the Funeral Rule is \$3,613,925 (\$2,620,250 + \$217,425 + \$776,250). The total labor cost for recordkeeping and disclosures is \$3,837,000 (\$223,000 for recordkeeping + \$3,613,925 for disclosures), rounded to the nearest thousand.

**Capital or other non-labor costs:** The Rule imposes minimal capital costs and no current start-up costs. The Rule first took effect in 1984 and the revised Rule took effect in 1994, so funeral providers should already have in place capital equipment to carry out tasks associated with Rule compliance. Moreover, most funeral homes already have access, for other business purposes, to the ordinary office equipment needed for compliance, so the Rule likely imposes minimal additional capital expense.

Compliance with the Rule, however, does entail some expense to funeral providers for printing and duplication of price lists. Based on a rough estimate of 300 pages per year per provider for copies of the various price lists, at 5 cents per page, and 22,300 providers, the total cost burden associated with printing and copying is \$334,500. In addition, the estimated 2,899 providers not already providing written documentation of funeral arrangements apart from the Rule will incur additional printing and copying costs. Assuming that those providers use the standard two-page form shown in the Compliance Guide, at 5 cents per page, at an average of 20 funerals per year, the added cost burden would be \$5,798. Thus, estimated non-labor costs are

\$340,000, rounded to the nearest thousand.

The cost of training associated with Rule compliance is generally included in continuing education requirements for licensing and voluntary certification programs. Moreover, the FTC has provided its Compliance Guide to all funeral providers at no cost, and additional copies are available on the FTC web site or by mail. Accordingly, the Rule imposes no additional training costs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Guide to Community Preventive Services (GCPS) Task Force: Meeting

**Name:** Task Force on Community Preventive Services.

**Times and Dates:** 9 a.m.–7 p.m., February 6, 2002, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., February 7, 2002.

**Place:** The Sheraton Colony Square, 188 14th Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30361, telephone (404) 892-6000.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

**Purpose:** The mission of the Task Force is to develop and publish a Guide to Community Preventive Services, which is based on the best available scientific evidence and current expertise regarding essential public health services and what works in the delivery of those services.

**Matters to be discussed: Agenda items include:** Presentations on the following chapters: Cancer (Informed Decision Making, School Based Interventions to Prevent Skin Cancer, and Interventions to Increase Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening), Nutrition and the Yale Obesity Reviews, Sexual Behavior, Vaccine Preventive Diseases (Expanding Access In Health Care Settings) and Violence Prevention (Early Childhood Home Visitation and Shall Issue Laws); presentations on the dissemination of the Physical Activity Chapter; dissemination and evaluation plans for the Cancer Chapter; and general updates on the evaluation plans and methods.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Contact Person for Additional Information:** Peter Briss, M.D., M.P.H., Acting Chief, Community Guide Branch, Division of Prevention Research and Analytic Methods, Epidemiology Program Office, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, M/S K-73, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488-8189.

Persons interested in reserving a space for this meeting should call 770/488-8189 by close of business on February 1, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### CDC Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

**Name:** Conference Call: CDC Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention.

**Time and Date:** 1 a.m.–2:30 p.m., February 15, 2002.

**Bridge Number:** 1-800-713-1971.

**Conference Code:** 896071.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the phone space available. The bridge number will accommodate approximately 100 people.

**Purpose:** This Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, regarding objectives, strategies, and priorities for HIV and STD prevention efforts including maintaining surveillance of HIV infection, AIDS, and STDs, the epidemiologic and laboratory study of HIV/AIDS and STDs, information/education and risk reduction activities designed to prevent the spread of HIV and STDs, and other preventive measures that become available.

**Matters to be discussed:** Agenda items include issues pertaining to how the meeting formats might be changed to enable CDC Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention (ACHSP) to more actively participate in and guide CDC activities.

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