

The State requested an effective date of July 1, 1994. Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447.256(c) and 430.20(b), however, preclude the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration) from approving a SPA that changes the method of payment prior to the first day of the calendar quarter in which the SPA was submitted. In addition, Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447.205(a) require a State to provide public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447.205(d) require that the notice be published before the proposed effective date of the change. Therefore, the earliest permissible effective date for this amendment based on the date of public notice (i.e., September 25, 1996) and on the calendar quarter in which the SPA was submitted (i.e., September 30, 1996), was September 26, 1996. After consulting with the Secretary as required by 42 CFR 430.15(c), CMS informed New York of its decision to disapprove this amendment.

The SPA 96-40a was originally submitted as SPA 96-40, which affected DSH payments from July 1, 1994, forward. CMS suggested the State split the original amendment into two separate amendments to allow payments beginning on September 26, 1996, to be approved. The State agreed to this suggestion.

The first amendment, 96-40a, affects Medicaid payments from July 1, 1994, through September 25, 1996, and based on the above, was disapproved on May 14, 2001. The second amendment, 96-40b, affecting Medicaid payments from September 26, 1996, forward, was approved.

I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on October 3, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 38-110a; Thirty-Eighth Floor; Jacob Javits Building; 26 Federal Plaza; New York, New York 10278. If this date is not acceptable, we will be glad to set another date that is mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed at 42 CFR, Part 430.

I am designating Ms. Kathleen Scully-Hayes as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact the presiding officer. In order to facilitate any communication which may be necessary between the parties to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing. The presiding officer may be reached at (410) 786-2055.

Sincerely,

Ruben J. King-Shaw, Jr.,
Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating
Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services.

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. section 1316); (42 CFR section 430.18) (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 13.714, Medicaid Assistance Program)

Dated: August 7, 2001.

Ruben J. King-Shaw, Jr.,

*Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating
Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee:

To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on September 13 and 14, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: The DoubleTree Hotel, Plaza Rooms I, II, and III, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

Contact: Aleta Sindelar, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-3), Food and Drug Administration, 7519 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301-827-4515, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572) in the Washington, DC area), code 12546. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: On September 13 and 14, 2001, the committee will seek recommendations on the issue of import tolerances under the provisions of the Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996 (ADAA). The ADAA authorizes FDA to establish drug residue tolerances (import tolerances) for imported food products of animal origin for drugs that are used in exporting countries, but that are unapproved new animal drugs in the United States. Food products of animal origin that are in compliance with the import tolerance may be imported into the United States. Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is publishing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) that details the consideration of proposing a regulation for establishing import tolerances. The agency intends to consider the comments made at the

advisory committee meeting and the written comments received in response to the ANPRM in drafting the proposed regulation. The comments should be sent to Docket No. 01N-0284. Background information including the legislative history for import tolerances, the domestic regulation of drug residues, and enforcement issues will be made available to the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee members and the public in advance of the meeting and posted on the Center for Veterinary Medicine home page (<http://www.fda.gov/cvm>). A limited number of paper copies of the background information will be available at the registration table on September 13, 2001.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on the import tolerance issue pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by August 31, 2001. Oral presentations from the public are tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of September 14, 2001. The time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make oral presentations should notify the contact person before August 31, 2001, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation. You will be notified of your allotted time prior to the meeting. Your entire statement should be submitted for the record.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: July 13, 2001.

Bonnie H. Malkin,

*Special Assistant to the Senior Associate
Commissioner.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Minor Adjustment of Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Boundary

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Regional Director, Region 7, of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has made a minor modification to the boundary of the Kodiak National