

and scored preliminarily by one or more Grant Review Boards. The Board(s) will recommend selected applications for rejection or further funding consideration. The Director, Labor-Management Grants Program, will finalize the scoring and selection process. The individual listed as contact person in Item 6 on the application form will generally be the only person with whom FMCS will communicate during the application review process. Please be sure that person is available between June and September of 2004.

All FY2004 grant applicants will be notified of results and all grant awards will be made before October 1, 2003. Applications submitted after the June 30 deadline date or fail to adhere to eligibility or other major requirements will be administratively rejected by the Director, Labor-Management Grants Program.

#### H. Contact

Individuals wishing to apply for funding under this program should contact the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service as soon as possible to obtain an application kit. Please consult the FMCS Web site ([www.fmcs.gov](http://www.fmcs.gov)) to download forms and information.

These kits and additional information or clarification can be obtained free of charge by contacting the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Labor-Management Grants Program, 2100 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20027; or by calling 202-606-8181.

**John J. Toner,**

*Chief of Staff, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their

views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than December 31, 2003.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Sue Costello, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303:

1. *The Edwards Family Holdings, LLLP*, The Edwards Family Management Trust, J. Joseph Edwards and Patricia C. Edwards, all of Barnesville, Georgia; James J. Edwards, Jr., Thomaston, Georgia; and Christopher C. Edwards, Griffin, Georgia; to retain voting shares of United Bank Corporation, Barnesville, Georgia, and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of United Bank, Zebulon, Georgia.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. *Arnold Clair Benton and Neva Clair Benton*, Reno, Nevada; to acquire additional shares of Heritage Bancorp, Reno, Nevada, and thereby indirectly acquire additional voting shares of Heritage Bank of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 11, 2003.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of

a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 9, 2004.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Fentura Financial, Inc.*, Fenton, Michigan; to merge with West Michigan Financial Corporation, Hudsonville, Michigan, and thereby indirectly acquire West Michigan Community Bank, Hudsonville, Michigan.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 11, 2003.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics on January 15-16, 2004

**AGENCY:** The President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Council on Bioethics (Leon R. Kass, M.D., chairman) will hold its fifteenth meeting, at which, among other things, it will continue discussion of its stem cell research, "beyond therapy" (enhancement), and "biotechnology and public policy" (regulation) projects. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings (and potentially touched on at this meeting) include: human cloning; embryo research; aging retardation and lifespan-extension; organ procurement for transplantation; and assisted reproduction and reproductive genetics (including IVF, ICSI, PGD; sex selection, inheritable genetic modification; and the patentability of human genes, tissues, and organisms).

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Thursday, January 15, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. et; and Friday, January 16, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. et.

**ADDRESSES:** Hotel Wyndham  
Washington DC, 1400 M Street, NW.,  
Washington, DC 20005.

**Public Comments:** The meeting agenda will be posted at <http://www.bioethics.gov>. Interested members of the public are encouraged to offer comments, either in person or in writing. A period of time will be set aside during the meeting to receive comments from the public, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, January 16. Comments will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker or organization. As a courtesy, please inform Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, in advance of your intention to make a public statement, and please give her your name, affiliation, and a brief description of the topic or nature of your comments. To submit a written statement, mail or e-mail it to Ms. Gianelli at one of the addresses given below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, The President's Council on Bioethics, Suite 700, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: 202/296-4669. E-mail: [info@bioethics.gov](mailto:info@bioethics.gov). Web site: <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

Dated: December 10, 2003.

**Dean Clancy,**

*Executive Director, The President's Council on Bioethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) allow the proposed information collection project: "Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component and Medical Provider Component (MEPS-HC and MEPS-MPC)—2004 and 2005". In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 16, 2003 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by January 16, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia D. McMichael, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427-1651.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Proposed Project

"Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component and Medical Provider Component (MEPS-HC and MPC)—2004 and 2005".

The AHRQ intends to conduct an annual panel survey of U.S. households and medical providers to collect information on a variety of measures related to health status, health insurance coverage, health care use and expenditures, and sources of payment for health services. This collection project consists of two parts: the MEPS Household Component (HC) and the MEPS Medical Provider component (MPC).

Each panel of the MEPS-HC consists of a nationally representative sample of U.S. households with a data collection period covering 2½ years.

This time frame allows for the collection of annual data from the MEPS sample that covers their health care experiences over two consecutive calendar years. The first panel of MEPS began in 1996 and a new panel has been initiated annually thereafter. The MEPS-HC is jointly sponsored by the AHRQ and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

The MEPS-HC will be conducted using a sample of households selected from households which responded to the previous year's National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) sponsored by NCHS. The NHIS is a household survey which collects health data from approximately 50,000 households and 110,000 individuals. The NHIS is used as the sampling frame for the MEPS and several other surveys as part of efforts by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to integrate survey data collection activities.

Data to be collected from each household include detailed information on demographics, health conditions,

current health status, utilization of health care providers, charges and payments for health care services, quality of care received, medications, employment and health insurance.

The purpose of the MEPS-MPC is to supplement the information provided by household respondents in the MEPS-HC about the use of medical services in the United States based on a nationally representative sample. The MEPS-MPC will be conducted with the permission of members of the households surveyed in the MEPS-HC. The AHRQ contractor will contact the medical providers of the HC Survey respondents to determine the actual dates of service, the diagnoses, the services provided, the amount that was charged, the amount that was paid and the sources of payment. Thus, the MPC is derived from or is based upon the survey, (MEPS-HC). The MPC confirms and/or improves the quality of the core survey data.

Data from household respondents in the MEPS Household Component for calendar year 2004, will be collected, beginning in 2004, and continuing into the year 2005, data for calendar year 2005 will be collected, beginning in 2005, and continuing into the year 2006.

Data from medical providers linked to household respondents in the MEPS Household Component for calendar year 2004, will be collected, beginning in 2005, and continuing into the year 2006, provider data for calendar year 2005 will be collected, beginning in 2006, and continuing into the year 2007.

#### Data Confidentiality Provisions

MEPS data confidentiality is protected under the AHRQ and NCHS Confidentiality statutes, section 308(d) and section 924(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m(d) and 42 U.S.C. 299c-(c), respectively).

In accordance with SHRQ and NCHS confidentiality statutes, statistical and non-identifying data will be made available through publications, articles in major journals as well as public use data files. The statistical and analytic data are intended to be used for purposes such as:

- Generating national estimates of individual and family health care use and expenditures, private and public health insurance coverage, and the availability, costs and scope of private health insurance benefits among Americans;
- Examining the effects of changes in how chronic care and disability are managed and finances;
- Evaluating the growing impact of managed care and of enrollment in different types of managed care plans; and,