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Bryant L. VanBrakle,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center Web site at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 7, 2001.

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

1. *Associated Banc-Corp*, Green Bay, Wisconsin; to acquire Signal Finance Company, Mendota Heights, Minnesota (Signal Finance), and engage in extending credit and servicing loans, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y, and acting as agent or broker for insurance directly related to extensions of credit of Signal Finance, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(11)(ii) of Regulation Y, and to acquire Signal Trust Company, N.A., Mendota Heights, Minnesota, and engage in trust company functions, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(5) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 18, 2001.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.05. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB.

1. Surveys of SCHIP Enrollees and Disenrollees for the Congressionally Mandated Evaluation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program—NEW—As part of the evaluation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation is proposing to conduct surveys about children currently and previously covered by the program. These surveys, to be conducted in ten states, will provide detailed description of the children's characteristics, their movement in and out of the program, access to care, service use and experiences with the program. A supplemental survey about Medicaid children will be conducted in two states. *Respondents*: individuals or households; *Burden Information for SCHIP Survey—Number of Respondents*: 18,000; *Frequency of Response*: once; *Average Burden per Response*: .59 hours; *Burden for SCHIP Survey*: 10,620 hours—*Burden Information for Medicaid Survey—Number of Respondents*: 3,600; *Frequency of Response*: once; *Average Burden per Response*: .59 hours; *Burden for Medicaid Survey*: 2,124 hours—*Total Burden*—12,744 hours.

OMB Desk Officer: Allison Herron Eydt.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following

address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

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Kerry Weems,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of a Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel meeting.

The Health Care Policy and Research Emphasis Panel is a list of experts in fields related to health care research who are invited by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and agree to be available, to conduct, on an as needed basis, scientific reviews of applications for AHRQ support. Individual members of the Panel do not meet regularly and do not serve for fixed or long terms. Rather, they are asked to serve for particular review meetings which require their type of expertise.

Substantial segments of the upcoming SEP meeting listed below will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications for Independent Scientist Award are to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. These discussions are likely to include personal information concerning individuals associated with these applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *SEP Meeting on*: Independent Scientists Award (K02).

Date: November 1, 2001 (Open on November 1 from 3 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400W, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of this

meeting should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1846.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the November 1 meeting due to the time constraints of reviews.

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John M. Eisenberg,

Director

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02011]

Cooperative Agreements for the Development and Improvement of Population-Based Birth Defects Surveillance Programs and the Integration of Surveillance Data With Public Health Programs; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement program for developing and improving birth defects surveillance and integrating surveillance data with other public health programs. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Maternal, Infant, and Child Health.

The purpose of the program is to support: (1) The development, implementation, expansion, and evaluation of population-based birth defects surveillance systems; (2) the development and implementation of population-based programs to prevent birth defects; and (3) the development and implementation or expansion of activities to improve the access of children with birth defects to health services and early intervention programs.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the health departments of States or their bona fide agents, including the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the

Republic of Palau, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

Recipients funded under CDC Program Announcement 00094 (Cooperative Agreements for the Development of State-Based Birth Defect Surveillance Programs and the Use of the Surveillance Data for Public Health Programs) and Program Announcement 96043 (Centers of Excellence to Provide Surveillance, Research, Services, and Evaluation Aimed at Prevention of Birth Defects) are not eligible. See Attachment I in the Application Kit for a list of the States currently funded under these program announcements.

The eligible States are: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Applicants may apply under one of two categories:

Category 1—States/territories/tribes with no birth defects surveillance systems; or

Category 2—States/territories/tribes with newly implemented or ongoing surveillance systems.

Note: Title 2 of the United States Code, Section 1611 states that an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to receive Federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$2,400,000 is available in FY 2002 to fund approximately 4-8 awards in Category 1, and 8-10 awards in Category 2. It is expected that the awards will range from \$50,000 to \$250,000. The average award will be \$100,000 for Category 1 States and \$200,000 for Category 2 States. The awards will begin on or about March 1, 2002, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

Continuation awards within an approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress as evidenced by required reports and the availability of funds.

Use of Funds

These awards may be used for personnel services, equipment, travel, and other costs related to project activities. Project funds may not be used to supplant State funds available for

birth defects surveillance or prevention, health care services, patient care, construction, nor lease/purchase of facilities or space.

D. Program Requirements

In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this program, the recipient will be responsible for the activities under 1. Recipient activities for States with no birth defects surveillance systems; or 2. Recipient activities for States with newly implemented or ongoing surveillance systems; and CDC will be responsible for the activities under 3. CDC activities.

1. Recipient Activities for States with no birth defects surveillance systems:

a. Develop and begin implementation of a population-based surveillance system to ascertain cases and generate timely population-based data of major birth defects occurring in the State.

b. Analyze and disseminate the surveillance data generated by the system in a timely fashion including rates and trends of major birth defects.

c. Develop and implement a plan to evaluate the surveillance methodology used.

d. Involve the appropriate partners within the State to develop a plan and begin implementation of a birth defects prevention program (i.e., Neural Tube Defects (NTD) occurrence prevention). Share results with appropriate organizations within the State and with other States.

e. Develop a plan to evaluate the prevention activities.

f. Involve the appropriate partners within the State to develop a plan and begin implementation of activities to improve the access of children with birth defects to comprehensive, community-based, family-centered care (e.g., establish linkages with other programs like Children with Special Health Care Needs).

g. Develop a plan to evaluate the identification of and/or timeliness of referral to services among eligible children or families.

2. Recipient Activities for States with newly implemented or ongoing surveillance systems:

a. Broaden methodologies and approaches which will improve, sustain, and expand the capacity of the existing population-based surveillance system to ascertain cases and generate timely population-based data of major birth defects occurring in the State.

b. Analyze and disseminate the surveillance data generated by the system in a timely fashion including rates and trends of major birth defects (e.g., publish a report on the surveillance data).