

of raising the ESRD base rates by 1 percent. Since the proposed notice results in increases in total expenditures of less than \$100 million per year, this notice is not a major rule as defined in Title 5, United States Code, section 804(2) and is not an economically significant rule under Executive Order 12866.

The RFA requires agencies to analyze the economic impact on small entities, and if an agency finds that a regulation imposes a significant burden on a substantial number of small entities, it must explore options for reducing the burden. For purposes of the RFA, small entities include small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Most hospitals and most other providers and suppliers are small entities, either by nonprofit status or by having revenues of \$7.5 million or less annually. For purposes of the RFA, most managed care organizations are not considered to be small entities. Individuals and States are not included in the definition of a small entity.

In addition, section 1102(b) of the Act requires us to prepare a regulatory impact analysis if a rule may have a significant impact on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals. This analysis must conform to the provisions of section 603 of the RFA. For purposes of section 1102(b) of the Act, we define a small rural hospital as a hospital that is located outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area and has fewer than 100 beds.

Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 also requires that agencies assess anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in expenditure in anyone year by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$110 million. This proposed notice would have no consequential effect on State, local, or tribal governments, and the private sector cost of this rule falls below these thresholds as well.

We have reviewed this proposed notice under the threshold criteria of E.O. 13132, Federalism. We have determined that the proposed notice would not significantly affect the rights, roles, and responsibilities of the States.

We have examined the economic impact of this notice on M+C organizations and find that the overall impact is positive. However, because the number of ESRD patients enrolled in M+C organizations represents a very small fraction of M+C organizations' annual receipts and because a small number of M+C organizations qualify as small entities under the RFA, the

Secretary is initially certifying that this notice will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. To our knowledge, no small rural hospitals will be affected by this notice, so the Secretary is also initially certifying that this notice will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small rural hospitals.

In accordance with the provisions of E.O. 12866, this proposed notice was reviewed by OMB.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare-Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare-Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: March 19, 2001.

Michael McMullan,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

Tommy G. Thompson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Postponement of Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; postponement.

SUMMARY: A notice announcing the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT), Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS), was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 12, 2001 (66 FR, page 18962). This meeting, scheduled for May 1-2, 2001, has been postponed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to inform the public that the first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which was scheduled for May 1-2, 2001, has been postponed. The Secretary of HHS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** once the date for the rescheduled ACOT meeting is determined. Individuals with questions should contact the ACOT Executive Director, Ms. Lynn Rothberg Wegman, M.P.A., by telephone at (301)-443-7577, by e-mail at Lwegman@hrsa.gov, or in writing at the Division of Transplantation, Office of Special Programs, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 7C-22, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Dated: April 27, 2001.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Renewal and Revision to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The collection of information described below will be submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Information Collection Clearance Officer of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the address and/or phone numbers listed below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to Rebecca A. Mullin, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax