

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The data contained in this system of records are extracted from other CMS systems of records: Enrollment Database, Group Health Plan, and the Medicaid Statistical Information System.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

Appendix A. Health Insurance Records

Medicare records are maintained at the CMS Central Office (see section 1 below for the address). Health Insurance Records of the Medicare program can also be accessed through a representative of the CMS Regional Office (see section 2 below for addresses). Medicare records are also maintained by private insurance organizations that share in administering provisions of the health insurance programs. These private insurance organizations, referred to as Managed Care Organizations, are under contract to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Social Security Administration to perform specific task in the Medicare program (see section three below for information on MCOs).

1. *Central Office Address:* CMS Data Center, 7500 Security Boulevard, North Building, First Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

2. *CMS Regional Offices:* BOSTON REGION—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont. John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room 1211, Boston, Massachusetts 02203. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

NEW YORK REGION—New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands. 26 Federal Plaza, Room 715, New York, New York 10007. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA REGION—Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia. Post Office Box 8460, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

ATLANTA REGION—Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee. 101 Marietta Street, Suite 702, Atlanta, Georgia 30223. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

CHICAGO REGION—Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin. Suite A—824, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

DALLAS REGION—Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, 1200 Main Tower Building,

Dallas, Texas. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

KANSAS CITY REGION—Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska. New Federal Office Building, 601 East 12th Street, Room 436, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

DENVER REGION—Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming. Federal Office Building, 1961 Stout Street, Room 1185, Denver, Colorado 80294. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO REGION—American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada. Federal Office Building, 10 Van Ness Avenue, 20th Floor, San Francisco, California 94102. Office Hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

SEATTLE REGION—Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington. 1321 Second Avenue, Room 615, Mail Stop 211, Seattle, Washington 98101. Office Hours 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

3. *Managed Care Organizations:* Monthly report of Managed Care Organizations is available at www.cms.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Resources and Services Administration****Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

This notice amends Part R of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (60 FR 56605 as amended November 6, 1995, as last amended at 66 FR 56333-34, dated November 7, 2001).

This notice establishes the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth and revises the functional statement for the Office of Policy and Program Development (RV3) in the HIV/AIDS Bureau (RV).

1. Establish the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth as follows:

Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (RV9)

Telehealth is the use of electronic communications and information technologies to provide and support health care services and training when distance separates the participants. The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) serves as the focal point for coordinating and advancing

the use of electronic communications and information (telehealth) technologies across all of HRSA's programs. Telehealth information can be used in a broad array of applications, including, but not limited to, the provision of: health care at a distance (telemedicine); distance-based learning to improve the knowledge of the agency grantees, and others; and improved information dissemination to both consumers and providers about the latest developments in health care, and other activities designed to improve the health status of the nation. The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth carries out the following functions, specifically: (1) provides leadership in developing and coordinating telehealth programs and policies; (2) provides professional assistance and support in developing telehealth initiatives; (3) administers grant programs to promulgate and evaluate the use of appropriate telehealth technologies among grantees and others; (4) in conjunction with HRSA's OIT assesses new and existing telehealth technologies and advises on strategies to maximize the potential of these technologies for meeting educational and technical assistance objectives; (5) in conjunction with OIT disseminates the latest information and research findings related to the use of telehealth technologies in the agency programs and underserved areas, including findings on "best practices"; (6) works with other components of the Department, with other Federal and state agencies, and with the private sector to promote and overcome barriers to cost-effective telehealth programs; and (7) provides advise on telehealth policy.

2. Abolish the functional statement for the Office of Policy and Program Development (RV3) in its entirety and replace with the following:

Office of Policy and Program Development (RV3)

Serves as the Bureau's focal point for program planning and related coordination activities including the development and dissemination of program objectives, alternatives, policy statements and the formulation and interpretation of program related policies. Specifically: (1) Advises the Associate Administrator and Division Directors in the development of plans and proposals to support Administration goals, and serves as the primary staff unit on special projects for the Associate Administrator; (2) coordinates with the Office of Planning and Evaluation, HRSA, and other appropriate offices in the preparation of

HIV/AIDS-related program policies including the preparation of testimony and related information to be presented to the Congress; (3) monitors and analyzes HIV/AIDS-related policy developments, both within and outside the Department, for their potential impact on HIV/AIDS activities, and advises the Associate Administrator on alternative courses of action for responding to such developments; (4) organizes, guides, and coordinates the Bureau's program planning and development activities, and prepares the Bureau's strategic planning agenda; (5) provides staff services and coordinates activities pertaining to policy and position papers to assure the fullest possible consideration of programmatic requirements in meeting established departmental, and HRSA goals; (6) maintains liaison with the Agency, Department, and other agencies; (7) participates in the development and coordination of program policies and implementation plans, including the development, clearance, and dissemination of regulations, criteria, guidelines, and operating procedures; (8) serves as the point of contact for the Agency, developing and coordinating working relationships and conducts specific joint activities among programs to assure optimum interaction on related HIV/AIDS activities and to minimize duplication and overlap; (9) conducts special inquiries and studies with emphasis on coordinating, managing and/or undertaking special projects which cut across Office or Division lines and responsibilities; (10) coordinates Bureau and HRSA comments on HIV/AIDS-related reports, position papers, and related issues; (11) coordinates responses to requests for information received from other OPDIVs of the Department and from outside the Department; (12) provides program policy interpretation and technical assistance to other governmental and private organizations and institutions; and (13) develops and coordinates performance measures.

3. In the HIV/AIDS Bureau, abolish the Office of Communications and Information Dissemination (RV8).

Delegation of Authority

All delegations and re delegations of authorities to officers and employees of the Health Resources and Services Administration which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this action will be continued in effect in them or their successors, pending further redelegation, provided they are consistent with this action.

This document is effective upon date of signature.

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Elizabeth M. Duke,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project

Notification of Intent To Use Schedule III, IV, or V Opioid Drugs for the Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opioid Addiction Under 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)

—(New)—The Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 ("DATA," Pub. L. 106-310 (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2))) amended the Controlled Substances Act to permit practitioners (physicians) to seek and obtain waivers to prescribe certain approved narcotic treatment drugs for the treatment of opiate addiction. The legislation sets eligibility requirements and certification requirements as well as an interagency application process for physicians who seek waivers.

To implement these new provisions, SAMHSA has developed a notification form to permit it to determine whether

practitioners (i.e., individual physicians and physicians in group practices (as defined under section 1877(h)(4) of the Social Security Act, licensed to practice medicine) meet the qualifications for waivers set forth under the new law. The information entered on the form will assist SAMHSA in determining whether practitioners are eligible for a waiver. The Secretary will convey practitioner determination to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which will assign an identification number to qualifying practitioners; this number will be included in the practitioner's registration under 21 U.S.C. 823(f). Practitioners will also use this notification form to renew their DEA practitioner registration—every three years.

Practitioners will use the form for three types of notification: (a) New, (b) emergency, and (c) renewal. Under "new" notifications, practitioners will make their initial waiver requests to SAMHSA. "Emergency" notifications will inform SAMHSA and the Attorney General of a practitioner's intent to prescribe immediately to facilitate the treatment of an individual (one) patient under 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(E)(ii). "Renewal" notifications will be submitted to HHS to initiate review of an identification number already provided by DEA.

The form will collect data on the following items: Practitioner name; state medical license number and DEA registration number; address of primary location, telephone and fax numbers; e-mail address; name and address of group practice; group practice employer identification number; names and DEA registration numbers of group practitioners; purpose of notification (new, emergency, or renewal); name of narcotic drugs or combinations for use under the notification; certification of qualifying criteria for treatment and management of opiate-dependent patients; certification of capacity to refer patients for appropriate counseling and other appropriate ancillary services; certification of maximum patient load.

At present, there are no narcotic drugs or combinations for use under notifications; however, SAMHSA believes that it is appropriate to develop a notification system to implement DATA in anticipation of narcotic treatment medications becoming available in the future. Respondents will be able to submit the form electronically, through a dedicated Web page that SAMHSA will establish for the purpose, as well as via U.S. mail.