

(3) years, beginning on September 4, 2001:

(1) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76 (Debarment Regulations);

(2) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces meetings of scientific peer review groups. The subcommittees listed below are part of the Agency's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee.

The subcommittee meetings 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 are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Research Training.

Date: September 27-28, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

2. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Technology and Decision Sciences.

Date: October 4-5, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

3. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Systems Research.

Date: October 18-19, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

4. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Research Dissemination and Implementation.

Date: October 29-30, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

5. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research.

Date: October 25-26, 2001 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Officer Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the nonconfidential portions of the meetings 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.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the September 27-28 and October 4-5 meetings due to the time constraints of reviews and funding cycles.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection

Request: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Supplier Survey: Texas; *Form No.:* CMS-10045 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* This survey is necessary to collect information on beneficiary access, quality of services, diversity of product selection, industry competitiveness, and financial performance from DMEPOS suppliers. These key elements of the evaluation of Medicare's competitive bidding demonstration cannot be thoroughly evaluated without a survey of suppliers. The information will be presented to CMS and to Congress, who will use the results to determine whether the demonstration should be extended to other sites. The respondents will be companies who supply DMEPOS to Medicare beneficiaries.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 384; *Total Annual Responses:* 384; *Total Annual Hours:* 768.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.