

scheduled to expire at the end of October 2001.

The Office of Government Ethics is issuing this first round **Federal Register** notice to announce its forthcoming request to OMB for paperwork renewal of the survey form, with two proposed minor changes to survey question 4 to achieve greater clarity. That question currently asks whether OGE's requirement to fax or mail requests that involve more than six filers creates a problem for the requester. Based on an analysis of customer responses to question 4, OGE believes that the following statement should be added: "SKIP this question if your request involved six or fewer filers." Additionally, one of the three requested responses to question 4, "Not Applicable," is being changed to "My request did not have to be faxed or mailed."

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, OGE is not including in its public burden estimate for the survey form the limited number of access requests filed by other Federal agencies or Federal employees. Nor is OGE including in that estimate the limited number of requests for copies of other records covered under the special Ethics Act public access provision (such as certificates of divestiture) since the survey is only sent to persons who request copies of SF 278 reports. As so defined, the total number of access survey forms for copies of SF 278s estimated to be filed annually at OGE over the next three years by members of the public (primarily by news media representatives, public interest group members and private citizens) is 50. This estimate is based on a calculation of the number of survey forms received at OGE between April 1999 and June 2001 (70 surveys). This number also takes into account an expected increase in the number of public requests as a result of the transition and the new Presidential administration. The estimated average amount of time to read the instructions on the proposed revised customer service survey form, and to complete the form, is three minutes. Thus, the overall estimated annual public burden for the OGE Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey as proposed for revision will be three hours (rounded up from two and a half hours (= 50 forms  $\times$  3 minutes per form)).

Public comment is invited on all aspects of the survey form as proposed for renewal with minor revision, including specifically views on: the accuracy of OGE's public burden estimate; the potential for enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and the

minimization of burden (including the possibility of use of information technology).

After this notice and comment period, OGE will submit the survey form, as revised, to OMB for review and three-year approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). At that time, OGE will also publish a second paperwork notice in the **Federal Register** to inform the public and Federal agencies. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized for, and may be included with, the forthcoming OGE request for OMB three-year paperwork approval. They will also be explained in the second round notice. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: June 13, 2001.

**Amy L. Comstock,**

*Director, Office of Government Ethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Contract Review Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to provide review of contract proposals and recommendations to the Director, AHRQ, with respect to the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "Developing Tools to Enhance Quality and Patient Safety Through Medical Informatics", Issued on January 31, 2001. The contract will constitute AHRQ's participation in the Small Business Innovation Research program.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) (of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals submitted in response to the above-referenced RFP are likely to reveal proprietary information and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free

exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

*Name of TRC:* The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—"Developing Tools to Enhance Quality and Patient Safety Through Medical Informatics".

*Date:* July 16 & 17, 2001 (Closed to the public).

*Place:* Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 8400 Wisconsin Avenue, Embassy I Room, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Eduardo Ortiz, Center for Primary Care Research, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6010 Executive Blvd, Suite 201, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, 301-594-6236.

Dated: June 6, 2001.

**John M. Eisenberg,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-01-08]

### Fiscal Year 2001 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications for innovative programs and activities of national significance under the National Family Caregiver Support Program, title III-E, sections 375 and 376, of the Older Americans Act as amended (Pub. L. 106-501). These grants and cooperative agreements are to develop services and systems which demonstrate new or improved approaches to sustaining the efforts of families and other informal caregivers of older individuals and grandparents of older individuals who are relative caregivers of children.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grants and cooperative agreements for approximately 24 to 28 projects nationwide. The projects will be approved for varying periods and amounts from one to three years and a maximum federal share of \$250,000 per year. Funding after the first year is contingent on the availability of federal funds and the grantee's performance

relative to project goals and the grantee's compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant. The federal share of the costs of any of the projects will not exceed 75 percent. The purpose of these projects is to demonstrate new or improved approaches to sustaining the efforts of families and other informal caregivers.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is August 10, 2001. Eligibility for grant awards is limited to public and/or nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions with demonstrated expertise in aging and caregiving.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Program Operations and Development, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Wilbur J. Cohen Building, Room 4733, Washington, DC 20201, by calling 202/619-0011, or on the web at <http://www.aoa.gov/t4/fy2001>.

Dated: June 13, 2001.

**Norman L. Thompson,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement AoA-01-07]

#### Fiscal Year 2001 Program Announcement: Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for applications for Pension Counseling and Information Projects to create new, or continue or expand a sufficient number of pension counseling and information programs to provide outreach, information, counseling, referral, and other assistance regarding pension and other retirement benefits, and rights related to such benefits.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging (AoA) announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grant awards for two (2) to three (3) projects at a federal share of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year for a period of three years. Since 1993, the AoA has supported 10 model pension counseling and information projects throughout the country. This program announcement is designed to build on that effort in order to begin to expand the program into a national program of pension counseling services,

as prescribed in title II, section 215 of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*), as amended in 2000, Pub. L. 106-501.

The deadline date for submission of applications is August 3, 2001. Eligibility for grant awards is limited to State or area agencies on aging, nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, with a proven record of providing services related to retirement of older individuals, services to Native Americans, or specific pension counseling.

Application kits are available by writing to the Administration on Aging, Office of Program Development, Department of Health and Human Services, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4266, Washington, DC 20201, or by calling Nancy Wartow at (202) 619-058 or on the web at <http://www.aoa.gov/t4/fy2001>.

Dated: June 13, 2001.

**Norman L. Thompson,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-01-06]

#### Fiscal Year 2001 Program Announcement: Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to establish, or expand and improve, Statewide Senior Legal Hotlines whose purpose is to advance the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Aging announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grant awards for four (4) to (5) projects that establish, or expand and improve, Statewide Senior Legal Hotlines aimed at advancing the quality and accessibility of the legal assistance provided to older people.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is August 3, 2001. Eligibility for grant awards is limited to public and/or nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions experienced in providing legal assistance to older persons.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on

Aging, Office of Program Development, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4264, Washington, DC 20201, by calling 202/619-2987, or on the web at <http://www.aoa.gov/t4/fy2001>.

Dated: June 12, 2001.

**Norman L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* Validation of Self-Reported Arthritis Case Definitions in a Managed Care Setting—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is difficult to estimate the burden of arthritis on the American public because many patients with arthritis do not seek treatment from a health care provider for the condition. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an ongoing telephone survey that is being used by individual states and the CDC to measure the burden of arthritis. The BRFSS collects a wide variety of self-reported health information, including 6 questions on arthritis. A BRFSS case of arthritis is defined as any person who reports chronic joint symptoms or recalls a diagnosis of arthritis by a health care provider. However, the BRFSS case definition has not been validated, meaning it is unclear if patients who report arthritis symptoms or a diagnosis of arthritis truly have arthritis based on a clinical evaluation by a health care provider. It is also not known if persons who deny chronic joint symptoms and