

integrity of her research contribution. Ms. Blaisdell also agrees to ensure that the institution submits a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI. She further agrees that she will not participate in any PHS-supported research until such a supervisory plan is submitted to ORI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 750, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 453-8800.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

The Program Peer Review Subcommittee of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR): Teleconference.

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), CDC, NCEH/ATSDR announces the following subcommittee meeting:

*Time and Date:* 8:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, December 19, 2006.

*Place:* The teleconference will originate at NCEH/ATSDR in Atlanta, Georgia. To participate, dial 877/315-6535 and enter conference code 383520.

*Purpose:* Under the charge of the BSC, NCEH/ATSDR, the PPRS will provide the BSC, NCEH/ATSDR with advice and recommendations on NCEH/ATSDR program peer review. They will serve the function of organizing, facilitating, and providing a long-term perspective to the conduct of NCEH/ATSDR program peer review.

*Matters to be Discussed:* An overview of PPRS activities; a review of the November meeting; an update on the Site Specific Activities Peer Review; re-visit approval of the Peer Reviewer Conflict-of-interest Form; and a discussion on Preparedness and Emergency Response Peer Review scheduled for February 2007: Breadth and approach of the review, areas of expertise required for the review, nominations for a PPRS panel member, a chairperson, peer reviewers, partners, and customers. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment period is scheduled for 9:35–9:45 a.m. Due to programmatic matters,

this **Federal Register** Notice is being published on less than 15 calendar days notice to the public (41 CFR 102–3.150(b)).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, Office of Science, NCEH/ATSDR, M/S E-28, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/498-0622.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and NCEH/ATSDR.

Dated: December 1, 2006.

**Alvin Hall,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

#### Privacy Act of 1974; Report of a Modified or Altered System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

**ACTION:** Notice of a Modified or Altered System of Records (SOR).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, CMS is proposing to modify or alter existing system of records titled “Medicare Exclusion Database” (MED), System No. 09-70-0534, established at 67 **Federal Register** 8810 (February 26, 2002). We propose to modify existing routine use number 1 that permits disclosure to agency contractors and consultants to include disclosure to CMS grantees who perform a task for the agency. CMS grantees, charged with completing projects or activities that require CMS data to carry out that activity, are classified separate from CMS contractors and/or consultants. The modified routine use will remain as routine use number 1.

Published routine use number 2 and 3 will be combined as one because both are written to complete the same or similar purpose. Disclosures allowed by published routine uses numbers 2, and 3 will be covered by a new routine use numbered 2 to permit release of information to “another Federal and/or State agency, agency of a State

government, an agency established by State law, or its fiscal agent.” The scope of this routine use has been broadened to include State Medicaid agencies when disclosure of the information proved compatible with the purpose for which CMS collects the information. We will delete routine use number 5 authorizing disclosure to support constituent requests made to a congressional representative. If an authorization for the disclosure has been obtained from the data subject, then no routine use is needed. The Privacy Act allows for disclosures with the “prior written consent” of the data subject.

Finally, we will delete the section titled “Additional Circumstances Affecting Routine Use Disclosures,” that addresses “Protected Health Information (PHI)” and “small cell size.” The requirement for compliance with HHS regulation “Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information” does not apply because this system does not collect or maintain PHI. In addition, our policy to prohibit release if there is a possibility that an individual can be identified through “small cell size” is not applicable to the data maintained in this system.

We are modifying the language in the remaining routine uses to provide a proper explanation as to the need for the routine use and to provide clarity to CMS’s intention to disclose individual-specific information contained in this system. The routine uses will then be prioritized and reordered according to their usage. We will also take the opportunity to update any sections of the system that were affected by the recent reorganization or because of the impact of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Public Law 108-173) provisions and to update language in the administrative sections to correspond with language used in other CMS SORs.

The primary purpose of this system of records is to collect and maintain information on individuals that have been excluded from receiving Medicare payments for any item or service furnished during the period when excluded from participation in the Medicare program. Information maintained in this system will also be disclosed to: (1) Support regulatory, reimbursement, and policy functions performed within the Agency or by a contractor, consultant or CMS grantee; (2) assist another Federal or State agency, agency of a State government, an agency established by State law, or its fiscal agent; (3) facilitate research on the quality and effectiveness of care