

supermarkets without the prior approval of the Commission.

Also for a period of ten (10) years, the Proposed Respondent must provide written notice to the Commission prior to acquiring any interest in a supermarket owner or operator, or any facility that has operated as a supermarket within the previous six (6) months, located in any of the Relevant Geographic Markets. Following notice, Proposed Respondent may not complete such an acquisition until after it has provided any information requested by the Commission during a specified waiting period. This provision does not restrict the Proposed Respondent's construction of new supermarket facilities on its own; nor does it restrict the Proposed Respondent from leasing facilities not operated as supermarkets within the previous six (6) months.

The proposed consent order also prohibits the Proposed Respondent, for ten (10) years, from entering into or enforcing any agreement that restricts the ability of any acquirer of any supermarket, leasehold interest in a supermarket, or interest in any retail location used as a supermarket within Okaloosa, Santa Rosa or Walton counties in Florida; Hancock, Harrison, Jackson or Lauderdale counties in Mississippi; St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana; or Mobile County, Alabama on or after January 1, 2000, to operate a supermarket at that site if such supermarket was formerly owned or operated by the Proposed Respondent. In addition, the Proposed Respondent may not remove fixtures or equipment from a store or property owned or leased in these counties that is no longer in operation as a supermarket, except (1) prior to a sale, sublease, assignment, or change in occupancy, (2) to relocate such fixtures or equipment in the ordinary course of business to any other supermarket owned or operated by Proposed Respondent, or (3) otherwise with the prior approval of the Commission.

The Proposed Respondent is required to provide to the Commission a report of compliance with the consent order beginning one (1) year from the date the proposed consent order becomes final and annually for each of the following nine (9) years.

V. Opportunity for Public Comment

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for 30 days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After 30 days, the Commission will again review the proposed consent order and the comments received and

will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make the proposed consent order final.

By accepting the proposed consent order subject to final approval, the Commission anticipates that the competitive problems alleged in the complaint will be resolved. The purpose of this analysis is to invite public comment on the proposed consent order to aid the Commission in its determination of whether to make the proposed consent order final. This analysis is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed consent order nor is it intended to modify the terms of the proposed consent order in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION/DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of Communications; Cancellation of an Optional Form

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is cancelling the following Optional Form because of low usage:

OF 298, Interagency Foreign Service National Employee Position Description.

DATES: Effective January 16, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Williams, General Services Administration, (202) 501-0581.

Dated: January 3, 2001.

Barbara M. Williams,
Deputy Standard and Optional Forms Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS),

Subcommittee on Standards and Security.

Time and Date: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., February 1, 2001 or ; 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., February 2, 2001.

Place: Room 705A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The purpose of this hearing is to monitor to the progress of implementation of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and identified issues that need to be addressed to insure successful implementation. Specific hearing topics for the first day include: the Designated Standard Maintenance Organization's change process; data and transaction standard issues identify by the Healthcare Industry to date; Institutional Provider NDC code set concerns; and a status report from the standard developers on digital/electronic signature standards. The second half-day session will include a discussion of the Subcommittee's next steps related to Patient's Medical Record Information standards and the annual NCVHS report to Congress on HIPAA Administrative Simplification implementation progress.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will have to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from J. Michael Fitzmaurice, Ph.D., Senior Science Advisor for Information Technology, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, #600, Rockville, MD 20852, phone: (301) 594-3938; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/> where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: January 8, 2001.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00D-1679]

Draft Compliance Policy Guidance for FDA Employees and Industry on Blood Donor Incentives; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of the draft compliance policy guidance entitled "Sec. 230.150 Blood Donor Incentives." The draft guidance is intended to provide guidance to FDA employees and industry for evaluating blood donor incentives that may consist of cash or other incentives.

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft guidance by March 19, 2001. General comments on agency guidance documents may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Compliance Policy (HFC-230), Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your request. You may fax your request to 301-827-0852. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the guidance. Submit written comments on this draft guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JoAnne C. Marrone, Division of Compliance Policy (HFC-230), Office of Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of January 13, 1978 (43 FR 2142), FDA published a final rule requiring that blood and blood products intended for transfusion

include a statement on the labels that indicated whether the products were collected from paid or volunteer donors. This labeling requirement appears at § 606.121(c)(5) (21 CFR 606.121(c)(5)). The regulation defines a "paid donor" as a person who receives monetary payment for a blood donation (§ 606.121(c)(5)(i)). A volunteer donor is a person who does not receive monetary payment for a blood donation (§ 606.121(c)(5)(ii)). The regulation also defines certain benefits that do not constitute monetary payment. Those benefits, described in § 606.121(c)(5)(iii), include time off from work, membership in blood assurance programs, and cancellation of non-replacement fees, as long as the benefits are not readily convertible to cash. Products collected from blood donors who have received such incentives may be labeled with the "volunteer donor" classification statement.

The requirement that the label of a blood product indicate whether the product came from a volunteer or a paid donor applies only to blood and blood components intended for transfusion. It does not apply to products that will be used for further manufacturing, such as Source Plasma.

If the donor receives an incentive other than cash, the incentive must be evaluated to determine if it is readily convertible to cash. The draft guidance document provides FDA employees and industry with some examples of incentives and identifies some factors to consider when determining whether an incentive is readily convertible to cash. The draft guidance advises FDA employees that they may cite deviations from blood and blood product labeling requirements on Form FDA 483 (inspectional observations).

II. Significance of Guidance

This draft guidance document represents the agency's current thinking on blood donor incentives. The draft guidance is not intended for implementation at this time. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the applicable statute, regulations, or both.

The agency has adopted good guidance practices (GGP's) which set forth the agency's policies and procedures for the development, issuance, and use of guidance documents (65 FR 56468, September 19, 2000). This draft guidance document is being issued as Level 1 guidance consistent with GGP's.

III. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this draft guidance by March 19, 2001. Submit to the contact person (address above) written comments regarding this draft guidance after March 19, 2001. Such comments will be considered when the draft guidance is finalized. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The guidance document and received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

IV. Electronic Access

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the draft guidance on the Internet may access the draft at http://www.fda.gov/ora/compliance__ref/cpg/default.htm.

Dated: January 5, 2001.

Dennis E. Baker,

Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4633-N-01]

Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance Program; Initial Guidance

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 amends the existing laws that govern the amount of tenant-based housing choice voucher funding that may be used for project-based assistance. HUD plans to issue a rule revising the project-based program regulations at 24 CFR part 983 in accordance with the new law. However, many of the statutory changes do not involve or require agency discretion on implementation of the new law, and are immediately effective. This notice provides guidance to public housing agencies (PHAs) and other interested members of the public on those provisions that are effective immediately, and identifies statutory changes that require further rulemaking.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald J. Benoit, Office of Public and