

examines data and information on the effectiveness and appropriateness of medical items and services that are covered or eligible for coverage under Medicare. The Committee works from an agenda provided by the Designated Federal Official that lists specific issues, and develops technical advice to assist us in determining reasonable and necessary applications of medical services and technology when we make national coverage decisions for Medicare. The Committee also advises CMS as part of Medicare's "coverage with evidence development" activities.

II. Provisions of the Notice

As of June 2010, there will be 34 terms of membership expiring, 1 of which is a nonvoting industry representative and 4 are voting patient advocates.

Accordingly, we are requesting nominations for both voting and nonvoting members to serve on the MEDCAC. Nominees are selected based upon their individual qualifications and not as representatives of professional associations or societies. We have a special interest in ensuring that the interests of both women and men, members of all racial and ethnic groups, and physically challenged individuals are adequately represented on the MEDCAC. Therefore, we encourage nominations of qualified candidates from these groups.

All nominations must be accompanied by *curricula vitae*. Nomination packages must be sent to Maria Ellis at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Nominees for voting membership must also have expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields:

- Clinical medicine of all specialties
- Administrative medicine
- Public health
- Patient advocacy
- Biologic and physical sciences
- Health care data and information management and analysis

- The economics of health care
- Medical ethics
- Other related professions such as epidemiology and biostatistics, and methodology of clinical trial design

We are looking for experts in a number of fields. Our most critical needs are for experts in hematology; genomics; end of life care; Bayesian statistics; clinical epidemiology; clinical trial methodology; knee, hip, and other joint replacement surgery; ophthalmology; psychopharmacology; registries; rheumatology; screening and diagnostic testing analysis; and stroke. We also need experts in biostatistics in clinical settings, cardiovascular

epidemiology, cost effectiveness analysis, dementia, endocrinology, geriatrics, gynecology, minority health, observational research design, stroke epidemiology, and women's health.

The nomination letter must include a statement that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the MEDCAC and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. We are requesting that all *curricula vitae* include the following:

- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Social security number
- Title and current position
- Professional affiliation
- Home and business address
- Telephone and fax numbers
- E-mail address
- List of areas of expertise

In the nomination letter, we are requesting that the nominee specify whether they are applying for a voting patient advocate position, for another voting position, or as a nonvoting industry representative. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts in order to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

Members are invited to serve for overlapping 2-year terms. A member may serve after the expiration of the member's term until a successor takes office. Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons. Self-nominations are also accepted.

The current Secretary's Charter for the MEDCAC is available on the CMS Web site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FACA/Downloads/medcaccharter.pdf>, or you may obtain a copy of the charter by submitting a request to the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: February 23, 2010.

Barry M. Straube,

CMS Chief Medical Officer, Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5382-N-03]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Housing Counseling Outcomes Study

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: *April 27, 2010.*

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marina L. Myhre, (202) 708-3700, extension 5705 for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Housing Counseling Outcomes Study.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This request is for the clearance of survey instruments designed to provide statistically accurate information on the outcomes realized by clients of HUD-approved counseling agencies seeking assistance to either purchase a home (pre-purchase clients) or to resolve or prevent mortgage delinquency (post-purchase clients). Fourteen-hundred and thirty counseling clients have already been recruited to voluntarily participate in the study. In granting their informed consent to participate in the study, these counseling clients agreed to be contacted by telephone 12 months following the receipt of counseling to complete a survey about their counseling experience and their current housing situation. The purpose of this survey is to gather information needed to both document the share of clients realizing different outcomes following counseling and to analyze how these outcomes vary with the characteristics of clients and the services they receive.

OMB Approval Number: Pending.

Agency form numbers: None.

Members of Affected Public: Fourteen-hundred and thirty housing counseling clients.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The average time per client for completing the telephone survey is one-half hour. Of the fourteen-hundred and thirty clients in the study, 978 are expected to complete the survey. Thus, total burden hours are 489 hours for counseling clients.

Status of the proposed information collection: Pending OMB approval.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 21, 2010.

Raphael W. Bostic,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5384-N-04]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Semi-Annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report

AGENCY: Office of Labor Relations, Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* April 27, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Leroy McKinney, Jr., Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410 or Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jade Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Labor Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 2102, Washington, DC 20410 or Jade.M.Banks@hud.gov, telephone (202) 402-5475 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Semi-annual Labor Standards Enforcement Report

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2501-0019

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: All Federal agencies administering programs subject to Davis-Bacon wage provisions are required by Department of Labor (DOL) regulations (29 CFR Part 5, Section 5.7(b)) to submit a report of all new covered contracts/projects and all enforcement activities each six months. In order for HUD to comply with this requirement, it must collect contract and enforcement information from local and tribal agencies that administer HUD-assisted programs subject to Davis-Bacon requirements. (State agencies that administer HUD-assisted programs may report directly to DOL or may report through HUD, at the discretion of each state.) HUD requests that such agencies complete and submit a Semi-annual Enforcement Report each six months.

HUD and reporting agencies must retain a copy of the Semi-annual Enforcement Report in its files.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Forms HUD-4710, HUD-4710i.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 10,000; the number of respondents is 5,000; the frequency of response is semi-annually; and the hours per response is 2. Recordkeeping requirements add an additional 2,500 hours for a total of 12,500 hours per year.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 22, 2010.

Waite H. Madison,

Director, Office of Labor Relations.

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