

assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 24, 1997.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (James A. Bluemle, Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690:

1. *Amcore Financial, Inc.*, Rockford, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of First National Bancorp, Inc., Monroe, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire First National Bank & Trust, Monroe, Wisconsin.

2. *Michigan Heritage Bancorp, Inc.*, Novi, Michigan; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Michigan Heritage Bank, Novi, Michigan (in organization).

3. *Vanderbilt Holding Company, Inc.*, Fairfax, Iowa; to become a bank holding

company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Fairfax State Savings Bank, Fairfax, Iowa.

4. *Vermilion Bancorp, Inc.*, Danville, Illinois; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of American Savings Bank of Danville, Danville, Illinois.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166:

1. *Union Planters Corporation*, Memphis, Tennessee; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of SBT Bancshares, Inc., Selmer, Tennessee, and thereby indirectly acquire Selmer Bank & Trust Company, Selmer, Tennessee.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *TRP Acquisition Corporation*, Burr Ridge, Illinois; to becoming a bank holding company by acquiring at least 19.9 percent of the voting shares of Trans Pacific Bancorp, San Francisco, California, and thereby indirectly acquire Trans Pacific National Bank, San Francisco, California.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 24, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), this notice is hereby given to announce open meetings of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC). The purposes of the meetings are to address: (i) The protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects and (ii) the management and use of genetic information.

DATES: January 9, 1997, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and January 10, 1997, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Sts, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) by Executive Order 12975, October 3, 1995. The purpose of the NBAC is to provide advice and make recommendations to the National

Science and Technology Council, and other appropriate entities on bioethical issues arising from research on human biology and behavior and the applications, including the clinical applications, of that research.

National Bioethics Advisory Commission Meeting, The Madison Hotel, Washington, D.C., Thursday, January 9, 1997

Tentative Agenda

Morning Session

8:00 a.m.—Call to order and Opening Remarks by Chair

8:15 a.m.—Discussion of the activities of the NBAC Human Subjects Subcommittee

10:15 a.m.—Break

10:30 a.m.—Discussion of the activities of the NBAC Genetics Subcommittee

12:30 p.m.—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:45 p.m.—Continuation of morning discussions

3:00 p.m.—Break

3:15 p.m.—Discussion of future NBAC activities

4:00 p.m.—Public Comment

4:30 p.m.—Adjourn

National Bioethics Advisory Commission, The Madison Hotel, Washington, D.C. Friday, January 10, 1997

Tentative Agenda

8:00 a.m.—Meeting of the Genetics Subcommittee of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission

10:00 a.m.—Break

10:30 a.m.—Meeting of the Human Subjects Subcommittee of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission

12:30 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Participation

The two days of meetings are open to the public with attendance limited to space available. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact NBAC at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible, prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations by persons requesting an opportunity to speak. Individuals who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should also contact NBAC at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible prior to the meeting. Persons who wish to file written statements with NBAC may do so at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Norris, Communications Director, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, MSC-7508, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 3C01, Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508, telephone 301-402-4242, fax number 301-480-6900.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Philip R. Lee,

Assistant Secretary for Health.

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Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-R-187]

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 Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), 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: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Provider System (NPS); *Form No.:* HCFA-R-187; *Use:* HHS is consolidating provider enumeration across programs. The NPS will be used in program operations and management to assign provider identification numbers, i.e., billing numbers for claims processing and payment. It will replace the current Medicare Physician and Eligibility System (MPIES) and UPIN; it will replace the enumeration functions of the Medicare OSCAR, CLIA, and NSC provider numbering systems.

Frequency: On occasion; *Affected Public:* Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government, Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 88; *Total Annual Hours:* 23,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related forms, 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 HCFA Paperwork Clearance 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.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

Edwin J. Glatzel,

Director, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Medicaid Bureau; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part F of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), (Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 60, pp. 14628-14662, dated Tuesday, March 29, 1994, and Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 132, pg. 35528, dated Tuesday, July 12, 1994) is amended to reflect changes to the subordinate structure within HCFA's Medicaid Bureau.

The Medicaid Bureau is streamlining their organization by abolishing its current substructure and creating a new organization comprised of six offices with no subordinate levels. The offices are functionally grouped to support services provided to specific Medicaid Bureau customers. Within the new structure operational and policy functions are no longer separated but are combined in each office.

The specific amendments to Part F are described below:

- Section F.10.A.5. (Organization) is amended to read as follows:
 5. Medicaid Bureau (FAB)
 - a. Office of Long Term Care Services (FAB4)
 - b. Office of Medical Services (FAB5)

c. Office of Beneficiary Services (FAB6)

d. Office of Financial Services (FAB7)

e. Office of Information Systems and Data Analysis (FAB8)

f. Office of Program and Organizational Services (FAB9)

• Section F.20.A.5. (Functions) is amended to read as follows:

a. Office of Long Term Care Services (FAB4)

- Formulates, evaluates, and prepares policies, specifications for regulations, instructions, preprints, and procedures related to Medicaid payment and coverage policy for continuing and long-term care.

- Provides oversight of planning, development, implementation, and monitoring of Medicaid program operations in regional offices and State Medicaid agencies related to the provision and payment for continuing and long-term care, both institutional and non-institutional.

- Reviews State Plan Amendments related to continuing and long-term care, provides consultation to regional offices, and makes recommendations for approval and disapproval.

- Oversees and coordinates the assessment process for the operational implementation of the Medicaid program for continuing and long-term care under State plans and home and community-based services waivers.

- Provides ongoing policy and operational support, in concert with the Office of Research and Demonstrations, for Section 1115 demonstrations in continuing and long-term care.

- Provides authoritative interpretation of Medicaid coverage and payment policy for continuing and long-term care for providers, Regional Offices, State governments, Congressional Staffs, other agencies of the Federal government, interest groups and the general public.

- Develops, evaluates, and reviews policies and operational implementation of the entire range of continuing and long-term care services under Medicaid including all institutional and non-institutional sources of care, including: home and community-based services including waivers and State plan issues, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation/developmental disabilities, psychiatric services for persons under age 21, hospice, home health, personal care, private duty nursing, habilitation, rehabilitation, physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, speech therapy, language and hearing services, residential treatment