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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Medicare Program; September 23, 1999, Meeting of the Competitive Pricing Demonstration Area Advisory Committee, Maricopa County

AGENCY: Health Care Financing
Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Competitive Pricing Demonstration Area Advisory Committee (AAC), Maricopa County, Arizona on September 23, 1999.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology. The BBA requires the Secretary to appoint an AAC in each designated demonstration area to advise on implementation of the project, including the marketing and pricing of the plan and other factors. The AAC meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 23, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., m.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the YWCA of the USA, Leadership Development Conference Center, 9440 North 25th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021, (602) 944-0569.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Tilghman, Acting Regional Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, 75 Hawthorne Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 744-3501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 4011 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology.

Section 4012(a) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint a Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee (the CPAC) to make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the designation of areas for inclusion in the project and appropriate research designs for implementing the project. Once an area is designated as a demonstration site, section 4012(b) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint an Area Advisory Committee (AAC) to advise on the marketing and pricing of the plan in the area and other factors. Thus far, the Kansas City, MO Metropolitan Area and Maricopa County, AZ have been designated as demonstration sites.

The Maricopa County AAC has previously met on March 31, 1999, April 20, 1999, May 18 and 19, 1999, June 7 and 8, 1999, June 30, 1999, and July 1, 1999. The Maricopa County AAC is composed of representatives of health plans, providers, employers, and Medicare beneficiaries in the area. The members are: Joseph Anderson, Schaller Anderson Inc.; Rick Badger, Pacificare of Arizona; Reginald Ballantyne III, PMH Health Resources, Inc.; Donna Buelow, Arizona State Retirement System; Charles Cohen, Arizona Department of Insurance; John Hensing, M.D., Samaritan Health Systems; Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging; Anne Lindeman, Governor's Advisory Council on Aging; Ben Lopez, Honeywell Corp.; Thomas Marreel, William M. Mercer Associates; Anthony Mitten, Maricopa County Medical Society; Edward Munno, Jr., Intergroup of Arizona; Erik Olsen, D.D.S., American Association of Retired Persons; Leland Peterson, Sun Health Corp.; Donna Redford, Arizona Bridge to

Independent Living; Herb Rigberg, M.D., Health Services Advisory Group; Martha Taylor, Arizona SHIP; Clyde Wright, M.D., Cigna of Arizona; Arthur Pelberg, M.D., Schaller Anderson Inc.; Joseph Hanss, M.D., physician; and Phyllis Biedess, Director, AHCCCS.

This notice announces the September 23, 1999, meeting of the Maricopa County AAC. This meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., m.s.t. at the YWCA of the USA, Leadership Development Conference Center in Phoenix, AZ.

The agenda for the September 23, 1999, meeting will include the following:

- A discussion of the timeline for implementation of the competitive pricing demonstration.
- A finalization of the benefit package for plan bidding, which will include a report on the results of the local public testing of the proposed basic benefit package.
- Reports from the AAC subcommittees.
- Results of the town hall meeting.
- Any outstanding issues.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues should contact the San Francisco Acting Regional Administrator, by 12 noon, September 16, 1999. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the San Francisco Acting Regional Administrator, by COB, September 20, 1999.

These meetings are open to the public, but attendance is limited to space available.

Authority: Section 4012 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23 note) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App.2, Section 10(a)).

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