1. VB Texas, Inc., Houston, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Community State Bank, Boling, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 3, 2006.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at *www.ffiec.gov/nic/*.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 23, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Anne McEwen, Financial Specialist) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. Westpac Banking Corporation, Sydney, Australia; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Hastings Funds Management (US), Inc., New York, New York, in providing investment and financial advice, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(6) of Regulation Y.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Tracy Basinger, Director, Regional and Community Bank Group) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105-1579:

1. Belvedere Capital Fund II L.P. and Belvedere Capital Partners II LLC, both of San Francisco, California; to acquire Hometown Commercial Capital, LLC, Burlingame, California, and thereby engage in funding commercial real estate loans through established warehouse lines and subsequently securitizing pools through major Wall Street firms, pursuant to sections 225.28(b)(1) and (b)(2)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 3, 2006.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Initiative To Integrate Clinical Laboratories into Public Health Testing, Funding Opportunity Number CDC–PA–HM06–605

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Initiative to Integrate Clinical Laboratories into Public Health Testing, Funding Opportunity Number (FON) CDC–PA–HM06–605.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., August 3, 2006 (Closed).

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., August 4, 2006 (Closed).

Place: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Building 19, Conference Room 256, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone 404.498.2329.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to FON CDC–PA–HM06–605, ''Initiative to Integrate Clinical Laboratories into Public Health Testing.''

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)).

Contact Person for More Information: Jack Rogers, Ph.D., Program Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS E–21, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone 404.498.2329.

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 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 3, 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 and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10207]

Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320(a)(2)(ii). This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because of an unanticipated event, as stated in 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(iii).

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is submitting an emergency information collection request for the approval of the information collection requirements associated with two new exceptions to section 1877 of the Social Security Act (the Act). The approval of this collection process is essential to protect the Medicare program and its beneficiaries against fraud and abuse. In addition, emergency approval is essential to permit members of the health care industry to immediately reap the benefits of this important regulation. Once the new exceptions are effective, entities that furnish certain designated health services to Medicare beneficiaries will be permitted to assist physicians with the implementation of electronic prescribing and electronic health records technology. The benefits of this technology include reducing medical errors, coordinating care, improving efficiency, and decreasing health care costs by eliminating unnecessary and/or duplicative diagnostic services.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Physician Self-Referral Exceptions for Electronic Prescribing and Electronic Health Records; *Use:* Section 101 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (''HHS'') to create an exception to the physician self-referral prohibition in section 1877 of the Social Security Act (the Act) for certain arrangements in which a physician receives compensation in the form of items or services (not including cash or cash equivalents) (''nonmonetary remuneration'') that is necessary and used solely to receive and transmit electronic prescription information. In addition, using our separate legal authority under section 1877(b)(4) of the Act, this rule creates a separate regulatory exception for certain arrangements involving the provision of nonmonetary remuneration in the form of electronic health records software or information technology and training services necessary and used predominantly to create, maintain, transmit, and receive electronic health records.

The conditions for both exceptions require that arrangements for the items and services provided must be set forth in a written agreement, signed by the involved parties, specify the items or services being provided and the value of those items or services, and cover all of the electronic health records technology to be furnished by the entity. We have suggested that instead of one master contract that is updated with each new donation, the parties may choose to create a specific new contract and then reference other agreements or cross-reference a master list.

The requirements associated with these exceptions are limited to donations made to physicians by providers, members of integrated delivery systems, Federally Qualified Health Centers, or rural health clinics (for purposes of this Collection of Information Requirement, ''Providers''); by group practices to their physician members, and by Prescription Drug Plan (PDPs) sponsors and Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations to prescribing physicians. The paperwork burden is the creation of the written contracts. The burden associated with the written agreement requirement is the time and effort necessary for documentation of the agreement between the parties, including signatures of the parties. *Form Number:* CMS–10207 (OMB#: 0938–NEW); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping and Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 87,230; *Total Annual Responses:* 87,080; *Total Annual Hours:* 50,731.

CMS is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by September 22, 2006, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be considered from the public if received by the individuals designated below by September 18, 2006.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site address at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pra* or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov,* or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below by September 18, 2006: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—B, Attn: William N. Parham, III, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850 and, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974.

Dated: August 2, 2006.

Michelle Shortt,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2006N–0219]

Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on October 19, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on October 20, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Addresses: Electronic comments should be submitted to *http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments.* Select ''2006N–0219—Clinical Trial Design Issues in the Development of Products for Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C'' and follow the prompts to