

assessment protocols, RAVEN and information technologies, item-by-item comments on new MDS 3.0 items or deletions of current MDS 2.0 items. Information from this Town Hall Meeting will be used to advise the work of the validation contractor.

On April 3, 2003, a draft version of the MDS 3.0 instrument was posted to the following Web site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/nursinghomes/nhi>. Beginning on or about May 19, 2003 information about the MDS 3.0 town hall meeting will be posted at the same Web site address and interested parties will find an agenda for the meeting and handouts to be used during the discussions.

We will limit the time for participants to make formal statements according to the number of registered participants and the number of written comments. Individuals who wish to make formal statements must contact Bob Connolly or Rita Shapiro as soon as possible. Those individuals must subsequently submit their formal statement in writing no later than 5 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2003. Send written submissions to: Rita Shapiro, Division of Ambulatory and Post Acute Care (DAPAC), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S3-02-01, Baltimore, Maryland 21244 or mds30comments@cms.hhs.gov. Open microphone town hall segments will provide opportunities for comments from individuals not registered to speak on the day of the meeting.

III. Registration Instructions

The Division of Acute and Post Acute Care is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, all individuals must register to attend. Because this meeting will be located on Federal property, for security reasons, any persons wishing to attend this meeting must call Bob Connolly or Rita Shapiro or e-mail mds30comments@cms.hhs.gov to register by close of business on May 27, 2003. Attendees must show photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel before they will be permitted to enter the building. Individuals who have not registered in advance will not be allowed to enter the building to attend the meeting. Seating capacity is limited to the first 250 registrants. Our Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Seattle, regional offices will host a Satellite Broadcast of the meeting for participants wanting to participate at these locations. These teleconference

lines will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations should contact Bob Connolly or Rita Shapiro at least 10 days before the meeting.

Authority: Sections 1102 and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302 and 1395hh)

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

Dated: May 12, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. ACYF/FYSB 2003-02]

Announcement of the Availability of Financial Assistance and Request for Applications for Mentoring Children of Prisoners Grants

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

CFDA Number: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.616.

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces the availability of financial assistance and request for applications for the FY 2003 Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program activities under section 439, Title IV-B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. The purpose of this program is to make competitive grants to applicants in urban, suburban, rural, and tribal populations with substantial numbers of children of incarcerated parents and to support the establishment and operation of programs using a network of public and private entities to provide mentoring services for these children.

This Program Announcement and its application forms are also available by calling or writing to the ACYF Operations Center at the address below: Educational Services, Inc., ACYF Operations Center, *Attention:* Sylvia Johnson, 1150 Connecticut Avenue,

NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036, *Telephone:* 1-800-351-2293, *Email:* FYSB@esilsg.org, or by downloading the announcement from the FYSB Web site at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb>.

DATES: The deadline for submitting a grant application under this announcement is July 15, 2003. Applications must be hard copy. One signed original and two copies must be submitted.

Application Mailing and Delivery Instructions: The closing time and date for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone). Mailed applications shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are postmarked on or before the published deadline time and date. Applicants are responsible for mailing applications well in advance, when using all mail services, to ensure that the applications are received on or before the deadline time and date.

Applications handcarried by applicants, applicant couriers, other representatives of the applicant, or by overnight/express mail couriers shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline date if they are received on or before the published deadline date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., EST, at the ACYF Operations Center between Monday and Friday (excluding Federal Holidays). The address must appear on the envelope/package containing the application to the Attention of Sylvia Johnson. Applicants are cautioned that express/overnight mail services do not always deliver as agreed.

ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ACF electronically will not be considered in the current competition.

Extension of Deadline: ACF may extend application deadlines when circumstances such as acts of God (floods, hurricanes, etc.) occur, or when there are widespread disruptions of mail service, or in other rare cases. A determination to extend or waive deadline requirements rests with the Chief Grants Management Officer.

The Administration for Children and Families will not accept applications delivered by fax or e-mail regardless of date or time of submission and receipt.

Late Applications. Applications which do not meet the criteria stated above or are not received or postmarked by the deadline date are considered late applications. The Administration for Children and Families will notify each late applicant that its application will