

site. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for community interaction and to serve as a vehicle for community concerns to be expressed as advice and recommendations to CDC and ATSDR.

**Matters to be Discussed:** Agenda items include Status of Stanford Cohen & Associates' Draft Report; INEEL Oversight Program of Food Products Grown Near the Aquifer; Presentation on Additional Food Products Grown Near the Aquifer; Overview of the Cancer Data Registry of Idaho and Minority Data; Progress Report on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health INEEL Cohort Data; Presentation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Relationship Between Maximum Contaminant Levels and Risk; Presentation on Fish as Bioconcentrators; and a Report on Other Activities at the Radiation Studies Branch. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**For Further Information Contact:** Ms. Natasha Friday, Executive Secretary, INEELHES, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE (E-39), Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 498-1800, fax (404) 498-1811.

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 ATSDR.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

**Alvin Hall,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—July 2003 Through September 2003

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists CMS manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other **Federal Register** notices that were published from July 2003 through September 2003, relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This notice provides information on national coverage determinations affecting

specific medical and health care services under Medicare. Additionally, this notice identifies certain devices with investigational device exemption numbers approved by the Food and Drug Administration that potentially may be covered under Medicare. Finally, this notice also includes listings of all approval numbers from the Office of Management and Budget for collections of information in CMS regulations.

Section 1871(c) of the Social Security Act requires that we publish a list of Medicare issuances in the **Federal Register** at least every 3 months. Although we are not mandated to do so by statute, for the sake of completeness of the listing, and to foster more open and transparent collaboration efforts, we are also including all Medicaid issuances and Medicare and Medicaid substantive and interpretive regulations (proposed and final) published during this 3-month time frame.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** It is possible that an interested party may have a specific information need and not be able to determine from the listed information whether the issuance or regulation would fulfill that need. Consequently, we are providing information contact persons to answer general questions concerning these items. Copies are not available through the contact persons. (See Section III of this notice for how to obtain listed material.)

Questions concerning items in Addendum III may be addressed to Karen Bowman, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C5-16-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, or you can call (410) 786-5252.

Questions concerning national coverage determinations in Addendum V may be addressed to Patricia Brocato-Simons, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C1-09-06, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, or you can call (410) 786-0261.

Questions concerning Investigational Device Exemptions items in Addendum VI may be addressed to Sharon Hippler, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C5-13-27, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, or you can call (410) 786-4633.

Questions concerning approval numbers for collections of information in Addendum VII may be addressed to Dawn Willingham, Office of Strategic

Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Regulations Development and Issuances Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, or you can call (410) 786-6141.

Questions concerning all other information may be addressed to Gwendolyn Johnson, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Regulations Development and Issuances Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, C5-12-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, or you can call (410) 786-6954.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Program Issuances**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is responsible for administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These programs pay for health care and related services for 39 million Medicare beneficiaries and 35 million Medicaid recipients.

Administration of the two programs involves (1) Furnishing information to Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients, health care providers, and the public and (2) maintaining effective communications with regional offices, State governments, State Medicaid agencies, State survey agencies, various providers of health care, all Medicare contractors that process claims and pay bills, and others. To implement the various statutes on which the programs are based, we issue regulations under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under sections 1102, 1871, 1902, and related provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act). We also issue various manuals, memoranda, and statements necessary to administer the programs efficiently.

Section 1871(c)(1) of the Act requires that we publish a list of all Medicare manual instructions, interpretive rules, statements of policy, and guidelines of general applicability not issued as regulations at least every 3 months in the **Federal Register**. We published our first notice June 9, 1988 (53 FR 21730). Although we are not mandated to do so by statute, for the sake of completeness of the listing of operational and policy statements, and to foster more open and transparent collaboration, we are continuing our practice of including Medicare substantive and interpretive regulations (proposed and final) published during the respective 3-month time frame.

##### **II. How To Use the Addenda**

This notice is organized so that a reader may review the subjects of manual issuances, memoranda,