Title XXI by section 2107(e)(2)(B). The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) is required to publish a copy of the notice to the State that informs the State of the time and place of the hearing and the issues to be considered. If we subsequently notify the State of additional issues that will be considered at the hearing, we will also publish that notice.

Any individual or group that wants to participate in the hearing as a party must petition the presiding officer within 15 days after publication of this notice, in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(b)(2). Any interested person or organization that wants to participate as amicus curiae must petition the presiding officer before the hearing begins in accordance with the requirements contained at 42 CFR 430.76(c). If the hearing is later rescheduled, the presiding officer will notify all participants.

New York submitted this SPA on March 26, 1998 to revise its approved Title XXI plan to change the effective date to October 1, 1997, from the previously approved date of April 15, 1998. This change in effective date would permit the State to claim enhanced matching payments for the operation of its Child Health Plus (CHP) program for the period from October 1, 1997 to April 14, 1998. The SPA was disapproved on April 1, 1998.

At issue in this reconsideration is whether the State is entitled to an effective date for its Title XXI plan which included a period during which the State was not operating a program which met the requirements of Title XXI (or the approved State plan). HCFA disapproved this SPA because of two elements of the State's CHP program, as in effect between October 1, 1997 and April 14, 1998, which were inconsistent with the requirements of Title XXI. First, premiums and cost sharing in effect during this period were inconsistent with the requirements of section 2103(e)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act. For example, the State CHP program provided for a $35 copayment for emergency services even if a child's family income was less than 150 percent of the poverty level. Also the CHP program permitted premiums for children with family incomes between 120 percent and 150 percent of the federal poverty level. Both of these charges were in amounts higher than those authorized under section 2103(e)(3)(A), which makes applicable the Medicaid premium and cost sharing limitations. Moreover, the State was not applying procedures to ensure ''that children found through * * * screening to be eligible for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan under title XIX are enrolled for such assistance under such plan'' as required under section 2102(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act and guidance outlined in a letter to States on January 23, 1998.

Section 2106(c)(1) of the Act directs the Secretary to approve plans which ''substantially comply with the requirements'' of Title XXI. Under section 2106(a)(2)(B), a Title XXI plan ''shall be effective beginning with a calendar quarter that is specified in the plan, but in no case earlier than October 1, 1997.'' However, this flexibility is limited by the requirement in section 2106(d)(1) that ''[T]he State shall conduct the program in accordance with the plan (and any amendments) approved under subsection (c) and with the requirements of this title.'' Approval of the October 1, 1997 effective date was not warranted because the State was not operating its program in substantial compliance with the requirements of Title XXI or with the approved State plan during the period October 1, 1997 through April 14, 1998.

Under Section 2106(c) of the Social Security Act, the Secretary may approve, disapprove, or request additional information on a proposed Title XXI State Plan amendment within ninety days.

The Secretary has concluded that the State's amendment to its Title XXI Plan, submitted on March 26, 1998, to change the effective date of the plan, could not be approved because the State program during the period in question did not substantially comply with the requirements of Title XXI. Therefore, HCFA, in consultation with the Secretary, disapproved the amendment.

The notice to New York announcing an administrative hearing to reconsider the disapproval of its SPA reads as follows:

Ms. Barbara A. DeBuono, M.D.; M.P.H., Commissioner, State of New York, Department of Health, Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12237.

Dear Ms. DeBuono: I am responding to your request for reconsideration of the decision to disapprove New York Title XXI State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted March 26, 1998.

At issue in this reconsideration is whether the State is entitled to an effective date for its Title XXI plan which included a period during which the State was not operating a program which met the requirements of Title XXI (or the approved State plan). Specifically, the premiums and cost sharing provisions for the State's Child Health Plus program, in effect during the period in which the State seeks retroactive approval through this amendment, were inconsistent with the requirements of section 2103 (a)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act. In addition, the State was not applying procedures to ensure ''that children found through * * * screening to be eligible for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan under title XIX are enrolled for such assistance under such plan'' as required under section 2102(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act and guidance outlined in a letter to States on January 23, 1998.

I am scheduling a hearing on your request for reconsideration to be held on July 29, 1998 on the Thirty-Eighth Floor, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278.

If this date is not acceptable, we would be glad to set another date that is mutually agreeable to the parties. The hearing will be governed by the procedures prescribed at 42 CFR, Part 430.

I am designating Mr. Stanley Katz as the presiding officer. If these arrangements present any problems, please contact the presiding officer. In order to facilitate any communication which may be necessary between the parties to the hearing, please notify the presiding officer to indicate acceptability of the hearing date that has been scheduled and provide names of the individuals who will represent the State at the hearing. The presiding officer may be reached at (410) 786–2661.

Sincerely,

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator.

Section 1116 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. section 1316); 42 CFR section 430.18)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 13.714, Medicaid Assistance Program)

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; An Evaluation of the National Cancer Institute Science Enrichment Program

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institute of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: *Title:* An Evaluation of the NCI Science

Enrichment Program (SEP). *Type of Information Collection Request:* New. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This evaluation will assess the effectiveness of the NCI SEP in meeting its goals of: (1) encouraging under-represented minority and under-served students who have just completed ninth grade to select careers in science, mathematics, and/or research, and (2) broadening and enriching students' science, research, and sociocultural backgrounds. The program is a five- to six-week residential program taking place on two university campuses—University of Kentucky, Lexington and San Diego State University—in summers 1998–2002. The five-year evaluation is designed as a controlled, longitudinal study, consisting of the five SEP cohorts and two cohorts of control group students who do not attend the program. The evaluation will provide NCI with valuable information regarding specific components that promote or limit the program's effectiveness, the extent to which the program has been implemented as planned, how much the two regional programs vary, and how the program can be improved or made more effective. NCI will use this information to make decisions regarding continuation and expansion of the program. *Frequency of Response:* Semi-annually. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households and Federal Government. *Type of Respondents:* High School and College students and parents. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at $4,040.00.

The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Number	Number of responses	Average hours	Annual hours
SEP Participants	342	2	.334	229
Control Group Students	133	3	.334	156
Parents	114	1	.167	19
Total				404

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Cost to report.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Mr. Frank Jackson, Office of Special Populations Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Executive Plaza South, Room 320, 6120 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496–8589, or E-mail your request, including your address to: fj12i@nih.gov

COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Reesa Nichols,

NCI Project Clearance Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Cancer Institute.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6). Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Cancer Institute, including consideration of personal qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Cancer Institute, Subcommittee A—Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology.

Date: July 13, 1998.

Open: 8:30 am to 9:20 am.

Agenda: Call to order by Board Chair; presentation by NCI Director regarding the Bypass Budget 2001; and one concept review.

Place: National Institutes of Health, NCI, Board of Scientific Counselors, Bldg 31, ''C'' Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: 9:35 am to Adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institutes of Health, NCI, Board of Scientific Counselors, Bldg 31, ''C'' Wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Judy A. Meitz, PhD, Executive Secretary, Office of Advisory Activities, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Health, 6130 Executive Boulevard/EPN—Room 609, Rockville, MD 20892–7410, 301/496–2378.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 29, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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