

TABLE 8.C—UPDATE FACTORS¹ FOR FACILITY—SPECIFIC PORTION OF THE SNF PPS RATES—ADJUST TO 12-MONTH COST REPORTING PERIODS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1999 AND BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2000 FROM COST REPORTING PERIODS BEGINNING IN FY 1995 (BASE YEAR)

| If 12-month cost reporting period in initial period begins | Adjust from 12-month cost reporting period in base year that begins | Using update factor of |
|--|---|------------------------|
| October 1, 1999 | October 1, 1994 | 1.09929 |
| November 1, 1999 | November 1, 1994 | 1.09897 |
| December 1, 1999 | December 1, 1994 | 1.09855 |
| January 1, 2000 | January 1, 1995 | 1.09831 |
| February 1, 2000 | February 1, 1995 | 1.09827 |
| March 1, 2000 | March 1, 1995 | 1.09841 |
| April 1, 2000 | April 1, 1995 | 1.09853 |
| May 1, 2000 | May 1, 1995 | 1.09861 |
| June 1, 2000 | June 1, 1995 | 1.09866 |
| July 1, 2000 | July 1, 1995 | 1.09879 |
| August 1, 2000 | August 1, 1995 | 1.09900 |
| September 1, 2000 | September 1, 1995 | 1.09929 |

¹ Source: Standard & Poor's DRI, 1st Qtr 1999; @USSIM/TREND25YR0299@CISSIM/CONTROL991

(Authority: Section 1888 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy))
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of Filing of Annual Report of Federal Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 13 of Public Law 92-463, the Annual Report for the following Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Advisory Committee has been filed with the Library of Congress:

Maternal and Child Health Research Grants Review Committee

Copies are available to the public for inspection at the Library of Congress Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room, Room 1026, Thomas Jefferson Building, Second Street and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. Copies may be obtained from: Gontran Lamberty, Dr. P.H., Room 18A-55, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443-3146.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Publication of the OIG Compliance Program, Guidance for Hospices

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General (OIG), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This **Federal Register** notice sets forth the recently issued Compliance Program Guidance for Hospices developed by the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The OIG has previously developed and published compliance program guidance focused on several other areas and aspects of the health care industry. We believe that the development and issuance of this compliance program guidance for hospices will continue to serve as a positive step toward promoting a higher level of ethical and lawful conduct throughout the entire health care industry.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The creation of compliance program guidance remains a major initiative by the OIG in its efforts to engage the health care community in combating fraud and abuse. In formulating

compliance guidance, the OIG has worked closely with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), the Department of Justice (DOJ) and various sectors of the health care industry to provide clear guidance to those segments of the industry that are interested in reducing fraud and abuse within their organizations. The five previously-issued compliance program guidances were focused on the hospital industry; home health agencies; clinical laboratories; third-party medical billing companies; and the durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supply industry. The development of these types of compliance program guidance is based on our belief that a health care provider can use internal controls to more efficiently monitor adherence to applicable statutes, regulations and program requirements.

Guidance for the Hospice Industry

On January 13, 1999, the OIG published a solicitation notice (64 FR 2228) seeking information and recommendations for developing guidance for the hospice industry. In response to that solicitation notice, the OIG received numerous comments from various parts of the industry and from their representatives. After careful consideration of those initial comments, and in an effort to ensure that all parties had a reasonable opportunity to provide input into a final product, the OIG published draft guidance for the hospice industry on July 21, 1999 (64 FR 39150) for further comment and recommendations.

Elements for an Effective Compliance Program

Through experience, the OIG has identified seven fundamental elements