

Routine Administrative Matters.

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Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. 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 each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 14, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Home Bancshares, Inc.*, Conway, Arkansas, and its subsidiary TCBancorp, Inc., North Little Rock, Arkansas; to acquire at least 80 percent and 20 percent of the voting shares, respectively, of CB Bancorp, Inc., Conway, Arkansas, and thereby

indirectly acquire Community Financial Group, Inc., Cabot, Arkansas and its subsidiary, Community Bank, Cabot, Arkansas.

In connection with this application, CB Bancorp, Inc., Conway, Arkansas also has applied to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Community Financial Group, Inc., Cabot, Arkansas, and its subsidiary, Community Bank, Cabot, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 15, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics on October 16-17, 2003

AGENCY: The President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President's Council on Bioethics (Leon R. Kass, M.D., chairman) will hold its fourteenth meeting, at which, among other things, it will continue discussion of its stem cell research, "beyond therapy" (enhancement), and "biotechnology and public policy" (regulation) projects. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings (and potentially touched on at this meeting) include: human cloning; embryo research; aging retardation and lifespan-extension; organ procurement for transplantation; and assisted reproduction and reproductive genetics (including IVF, ICSI, PGD; sex selection, inheritable genetic modification; and the patentability of human genes, tissues, and organisms).

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, October 16, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. ET; and Friday, October 17, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

Public Comments: The meeting agenda will be posted at <http://www.bioethics.gov>. Interested members of the public are encouraged to offer comments, either in person or in writing. A period of time will be set aside during the meeting to receive comments from the public, beginning at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, October 17. Comments will be limited to no more

than five minutes per speaker or organization. As a courtesy, please inform Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, in advance of your intention to make a public statement, and please give her your name, affiliation, and a brief description of the topic or nature of your comments. To submit a written statement, mail or e-mail it to Ms. Gianelli at one of the addresses given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications, The President's Council on Bioethics, Suite 700, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: 202/296-4669. E-mail: info@bioethics.gov. Web site: <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

Dated: September 10, 2003.

Dean Clancy,

Executive Director, The President's Council on Bioethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10028A,B,C]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers 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) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently

approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Client Contact Form, Public and Media Activity Form, and Resource Report; *Form No.*: CMS-10028A, B, C (OMB# 0938-0850); *Use*: The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Client Contract form will be completed by SHIP counselors at each counseling event in order to collection SHIP performance data. This data will then be accumulated and analyzed to measure SHIP performance; *Frequency*: Semi-annually and annually; *Affected Public*: State, Local, or Tribal Government, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents*: 53; *Total Annual Responses*: 265; *Total Annual Hours*: 159.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pract/default.asp>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Julie Brown,

CMS Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Strategic Operations and Strategic Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10079]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers 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) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Hospital Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 412.230, 412.304 and 413.65; *Form No.*: CMS-10079 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use*: In the May 4, 2001 Proposed Rule (66 FR 22674), CMS proposed to conduct a special survey to collect data from a sample of occupational categories that provide a valid measure of wage rates within a geographical area. In the August 1, 2001 Final Rule (66 FR 39860), we responded to comments from the Proposed Rule and stated that, CMS will conduct a special survey of all short-term acute-care hospitals that are required to report wage data to collect these data. Section 304 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 requires CMS to collect wage data on hospital employees by occupational category. The collection is to be completed by September 30, 2003 and to be used to adjust the wage index by October 1, 2004.; *Frequency*: Other: once every three years; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit, and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 4,500; *Total Annual Responses*: 4,500; *Total Annual Hours*: 720,000.

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://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pract/default.asp>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Brenda Aguilar, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Julie Brown,

CMS Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Strategic Operations and Strategic Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003N-0424]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Substantial Evidence of Effectiveness of New Animal Drugs

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information including each proposed extension for an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the reporting requirements for meeting the substantial evidence standards necessary for demonstrating the safety and effectiveness of a new animal drug.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by November 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.