

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/](http://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 26, 2007.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond** (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *South Atlantic Bancshares, Inc., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of South Atlantic Bank, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (in organization).

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (David Tatum, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Community Bank Investors of America, LP, Midlothian, Virginia*; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 34 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Bay Bank, Tampa, Florida, upon the conversion of Bay Financial Savings Bank, F.S.B., Tampa, Florida, to a state member bank.

**C. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City** (Donna J. Ward, Assistant Vice

President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *First Olathe Bancshares, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas*; to acquire 99.88 percent of the voting shares of First National Bank of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Arizona (in organization).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 26, 2007.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[60 Day-07-0591]

**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Alternatively, to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instrument, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Acting Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; comments may also be sent by e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Select Agent Distribution Activity: Request for Select Agent (OMB Control No. 0920-0591)—Extension with change—National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases (NCPDCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is requesting a three year extension to continue data collection under the Select Agent Distribution Activity. The form used for this activity is currently approved under OMB Control No. 0920-0591. The purpose of this data collection is to provide a systematic and consistent mechanism to review requests that come to CDC for Select Agents. The term select agents is used to described a limited group of viruses, bacteria, rickettsia, and toxins that have the potential for use as agents of bioterrorism, inflicting significant morbidity and mortality on susceptible populations. In light of current terrorism concerns and the significant NIH grant monies directed toward Select Agent research, CDC receives hundreds of requests for Select Agents from researchers. The approximately 900 applicants are required to complete an application form in which they identify themselves and their institution, provide a Curriculum Vitae or biographical sketch, a summary of their research proposal, and sign indemnification and material transfer agreement statements. A user fee will be collected to recover costs for materials, handling and shipping (except for public health laboratories). The cost to the respondent will vary based on which agent is requested. In this request, CDC is requesting approval for approximately 450 hours; no change from the currently approved burden. The only change to this data collection request is updating the name of the National Center on the application form. The National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases officially became a National Center in April, 2007.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Researcher .....	900	1	30/60	450

Dated: September 25, 2007.

**Maryam I. Daneshvar,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1399-GNC]

RIN 0938-ZB02

### Medicare Program; Criteria and Standards for Evaluating Intermediary and Carrier Performance During Fiscal Year 2008

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

**ACTION:** General notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This general notice with comment period describes the criteria and standards to be used for evaluating the performance of fiscal intermediaries (FI) and carriers in the administration of the Medicare program.

The results of these evaluations are considered whenever we enter into, renew, or terminate a FI agreement, carrier contract, or take other contract actions, for example, assigning or reassigning providers or services to a FI or designating regional or national intermediaries. We are requesting public comment on these criteria and standards.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The criteria and standards are effective on October 1, 2007.

*Comment Date:* To be assured consideration, comments must be no later than 5 p.m. on November 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-1399-GNC. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

You may submit comments in one of four ways (no duplicates, please):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on specific issues in this regulation to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/eRulemaking>. Click on the link "Submit electronic comments on CMS regulations with an open comment period." (Attachments should be in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or Excel; however, we prefer Microsoft Word.)

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments (one original and two copies) to the following address ONLY:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-1399-GNC, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments (one original and two copies) to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-1399-GNC Mail Stop C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

4. *By hand or courier.* If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments (one original and two copies) before the close of the comment period to one of the following addresses. If you intend to deliver your comments to the Baltimore address, please call telephone number (410) 786-7195 in advance to schedule your arrival with one of our staff members. 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850; or Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

(Because access to the interior of the HHH Building is not readily available to persons without Federal Government identification, commenters are encouraged to leave their comments in the CMS drop slots located in the main lobby of the building. A stamp-in clock is available for persons wishing to retain a proof of filing by stamping in and retaining an extra copy of the comments being filed.)

Comments mailed to the addresses indicated as appropriate for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and received after the comment period.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee Ann Crochunis, (410) 786-3363.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Submitting Comments:* We welcome comments from the public on all issues set forth in this notice to assist us in fully considering issues and developing policies. You can assist us by referencing the file code CMS-1399-GNC and the specific "issue identifier" that precedes the section on which you choose to comment.

*Inspection of Public Comments:* All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post all comments

received before the close of the comment period on the following Web site as soon as possible after they have been received: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/eRulemaking>. Click on the link "Electronic Comments on CMS Regulations" on that Web site to view public comments.

Comments received timely will also be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, at the headquarters of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment to view public comments, phone 1-800-743-3951.

## I. Background

### A. Medicare Part A—Hospital Insurance

Under section 1816 of the Social Security Act (the Act), public or private organizations and agencies participate in the administration of Part A (Hospital Insurance) of the Medicare program under agreements with CMS. These agencies or organizations, known as fiscal intermediaries (FIs), determine whether medical services are covered under Medicare, determine correct payment amounts and then make payments to the health care providers (for example, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), and community mental health centers) on behalf of the beneficiaries. Section 1816(f) of the Act requires us to develop criteria, standards, and procedures to evaluate an FI's performance of its functions under its agreement.

Section 1816(e)(4) of the Act requires us to designate regional agencies or organizations, which are already Medicare FIs under section 1816 of the Act, to perform claim processing functions for freestanding home health agency (HHA) claims. We refer to these organizations as Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) under the 42 CFR 421.117.

The evaluation of FI performance is part of our contract management process. These evaluations need not be limited to the current fiscal year (FY), other fixed term basis, or agreement term.

### B. Medicare Part B—Supplementary Medical Insurance

Under section 1842 of the Act, we are authorized to enter into contracts with carriers to fulfill various functions in the administration of Part B, Supplementary Medical Insurance of the Medicare program. Beneficiaries,