ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 1114. Please use the C Street entrance closest to 3rd Street and bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/confidentiality/.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Workgroup Members will continue discussing and evaluating the confidentiality, privacy, and security protections and requirements for participants in electronic health information exchange environments.

The meeting will be available via Web cast. For additional information, go to: *http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/cps_instruct.html.*

Dated: August 5, 2008.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup Meeting

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the 29th meeting of the American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

DATES: September 16, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. [Eastern].

ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 1114. Please use the C Street entrance closest to 3rd Street and bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/consumer/.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Workgroup will continue its discussion on how to encourage the widespread adoption of a personal health record that is easy-to-use, portable, longitudinal, affordable, and consumer-centered.

The meeting will be available via Web cast. For additional information, go to: *http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/consumer/ce_instruct.html.*

Dated: August 5, 2008.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Population Health and Clinical Care Connections Workgroup Meeting

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the 30th meeting of the American Health Information Community Population Health and Clinical Care Connections Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.)

DATES: September 17, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. [Eastern Time].

ADDRESSES: Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 1114. Please use the C Street entrance closest to 3rd Street and bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: *http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/population/.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Workgroup will continue its discussion on how to facilitate the flow of reliable health information among population health and clinical care systems necessary to protect and improve the public's health. The meeting will be available via Web cast. For additional information, go to: *http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/population/pop_instruct.html.*

Dated: August 5, 2008.

Judith Sparrow,

Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP) Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR) Announces the Availability of the NTP–CERHR Monograph on Bisphenol A

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Availability of the NTP–CERHR Monograph on Bisphenol A.

SUMMARY: In December 2005, the CERHR announced its intention to conduct an evaluation of the potential for bisphenol A to cause adverse effects on reproduction and development in humans (**Federal Register**: December 21, 2005: Vol. 70, No. 244, page 75827). The final results of this evaluation are now available in the NTP–CERHR Monograph on Bisphenol A that includes the (1) NTP Brief on Bisphenol A and (2) CERHR Expert Panel Report on the Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity of Bisphenol A. The NTP Brief provides the public, as well as government health, regulatory, and research agencies, with the NTP's conclusions regarding the potential for bisphenol A to adversely affect human reproductive health or children's development. The NTP Brief is based on information about bisphenol A provided in the expert panel report, public comments, comments from peer reviewers of the draft NTP Brief, and additional scientific information available since the expert panel meeting.

DATES: The NTP–CERHR Monograph on Bisphenol A will be available on September 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The NTP–CERHR Monograph on the Potential Human Reproductive and Developmental Effects of Bisphenol A is now available electronically on the CERHR Web site (*http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov* see ''Now Available'') or on CD or in printed text from the CERHR by contacting Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MC EC–32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (mail), 919–316–4511 (fax), or *shelby@niehs.nih.gov* (e-mail). Courier address: CERHR, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 103, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Additional information related to the evaluation of bisphenol A, including the peer review report for the NTP Brief and all public comments received during the course of the evaluation, are available on the CERHR Web site (see Bisphenol

A under ''CERHR Reports & Monographs'' or directly at *http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov/chemicals/bisphenol/bisphenol-eval.html.*)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information on Bisphenol A

Bisphenol A (CAS RN: 80–05–7) is a high production volume chemical used primarily in the production of polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins. Polycarbonate plastics are used in some food and drink containers; the resins are used as lacquers to coat metal products such as food cans, bottle tops, and water supply pipes. To a lesser extent bisphenol A is used in the production of polyester resins, polysulfone resins, polyacrylate resins, and flame retardants. In addition, bisphenol A is used in the processing of polyvinyl chloride plastic. Some polymers used in dental sealants and composites may contribute to bisphenol A exposures. The primary source of exposure to bisphenol A for most people is assumed to occur through the diet. The highest estimated daily intakes of bisphenol A in the general population occur in infants and children. CERHR selected bisphenol A for evaluation because of (1) widespread human exposure, (2) public concern for possible health effects, (3) high production volume, and (4) evidence of reproductive and developmental toxicity in laboratory animal studies.

Background Information on the CERHR

The NTP established CERHR in 1998 (**Federal Register**: December 14, 1998: Vol. 63, No. 239, page 68782). CERHR is a publicly accessible resource for information about adverse reproductive and/or developmental health effects associated with exposure to environmental and/or occupational exposures. CERHR follows a formal process for the evaluation of selected chemicals that includes opportunities for public input.

CERHR invites the nomination of agents for review or scientists for its expert registry. Information about CERHR and the nomination process can be obtained from its homepage (*http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov*) or by contacting Dr. Michael Shelby, CERHR Director (see **ADDRESSES**). CERHR selects chemicals for evaluation based upon several factors including production volume, potential for human exposure from use and occurrence in the environment, extent of public concern, and extent of data from reproductive and developmental toxicity studies. Expert panels conduct scientific evaluations of agents selected by CERHR in public forums. Following these evaluations, CERHR prepares the NTP–CERHR monograph on the agent evaluated. The monograph is transmitted to appropriate federal and state agencies and made available to the public.

Dated: August 20, 2008.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Acting Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: ''Study of Factors Influencing Consumer Choices Among Health Plans and Clinicians.'' In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by email at *doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov*.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by e-mail at *doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

''Study of Factors Influencing Consumer Choices Among Health Plans and Clinicians''

This study will use an experimental design to determine factors that influence consumer understanding and use of performance information to select among health plans and clinicians. Performance reports on health plans and individual providers have become increasingly available in recent years, but there is little evidence regarding how consumers understand and use different types of performance information to make choices.

The study will include two parallel experiments, one designed to assess factors influencing choice of health plans and one designed to assess factors influencing choice of individual doctors. Both experiments will present a panel of online consumers with a simulated Web-based performance report. Study subjects will answer a series of pre-test questions, and then be directed to a Web site with a simulated report (for either health plans or doctors) where they will view various types of performance information, go through the process of selecting either a health plan or a doctor, and then complete the experiment by answering a series of post-test questions about how they made their selection.

The categories of performance information to be included in the Web reports will be derived from patient experience survey results using Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) composite measures, clinical process measures, personal anecdotes based on patient or enrollee experiences, and the frequency of different types of enrollee complaints or grievances (in the plan experiment only).

The results of this study will be used to develop recommendations for helping consumers to better understand and more effectively use complex information to select health plans and providers, with the aim of making performance information less burdensome and more accessible, useful, and transparent to the public. The simulated Web-based reports will be made available as examples for other report developers to use. This study is being conducted pursuant to AHRQ's statutory mandate to promote health care quality improvement by conducting and supporting research that develops and presents scientific evidence regarding all aspects of health care, 42 U.S.C. 299(b)(1), and to conduct research on health care and on systems for the delivery of such health care, 42 U.S.C. 299a.

Method of Collection

Participants in this study will be recruited through the Knowledge Networks national online panel of consumers. For both the health plan and clinician choice experiments, study subjects will be randomly assigned to one of several arms (described below)