

1. *Lamplighter Financial, MHC*, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; to continue to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary Wauwatosa Holdings, Inc., Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, in extending credit and servicing loans, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 1, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; Nationwide Health Information Network Forum

ACTION: Announcement of Nationwide Health Information Network Forum.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the first forum of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to address the Nationwide Health Information Network functional requirements. The Forum is open to the public and will discuss the requirements needed for a Nationwide Health Information Network that facilitates the accurate, appropriate, timely, and secure exchange of health information.

DATES: June 28, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 29, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Health, Natcher Center, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at 202-690-7151 or the Nationwide Health Information Network Forum home page at http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/NHIN_Forum1.html.

John Loonsk,

Director, Office of Interoperability and Standards, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services.

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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, Department of Health and Human Services.

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) allow the proposed information collection as part of an AHRQ contract for "Privacy and Security Solutions for Interoperable Electronic Health Information Exchange" (the Assessment). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ is submitting a request to OMB for emergency review.

AHRQ is requesting an emergency review of this collection because the information is needed for subsequent health information technology projects later this year. Because subcontracts were solicited and awarded to the States, it was not possible to accurately quantify the public burden earlier this year. Data collection subcontract proposals were solicited from States and until they were reviewed, selected, awarded and accepted, it was not possible to accurately quantify the public burden earlier.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to John Kraemer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-6880.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ clearance officer, Doris Lefkowitz, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 5036, Rockville, MD 20850, (301) 427-1477.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 5036, Rockville, MD 20850, (301) 427-1477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

The Assessment Plan

Regulations promulgated pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) established baseline privacy requirements for protected health information and security requirements for protected health information. Many States, institutions, and health care providers have adopted policies that go beyond HIPAA. The manner in which hospitals, physicians, and other health care organizations implement security and privacy policies varies and is tailored to meet their individual organizations' needs. These variations in policies present challenges for widespread electronic health information exchange.

The proposed data collection is the foundational part of a project under AHRQ's Assessment contract. The project seeks to: Identify variations in privacy and security practices and laws affecting electronic health information exchange; learn about and develop best practices and proposed solutions to address identified challenges; and increase expertise in communities about health information privacy and security protections. The project, being managed by RTI International and the National Governors Association, is a public-private collaboration. The contractor will work with up to 33 States and Puerto Rico to assess variations in organization-level business policies and practices, and the underlying laws that affect the electronic exchange of health information, identify and propose practical solutions while preserving privacy and meeting security concerns addressed in applicable Federal and State laws, and develop detailed plans to implement solutions. RTI International, a private, nonprofit corporation, was selected as the contract recipient to conduct this study.

The use of health information technology (IT) and the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) are intended to enable health information to follow patients throughout their care in a seamless and secure manner. Widespread use of EHRs offers a unique means of improving quality, lowering health care costs, and preventing medical errors which contribute to the deaths of between 50,000 and 100,000 Americans per year.

This privacy and security assessment project is a key part of the Department of Health and Human Services' health IT plan to accomplish the President's initiative to foster and accelerate widespread use of electronic health records. Information collected by this effort is critical for the advancement of