

albopictus is present, there is potential for their movement into other areas having a climate that can support them.

Other commenters asked for continuance of the certification requirement while observing that certification efforts came too late to be effective. While *Aedes albopictus* was well established in many areas long before it was first detected, control efforts were rapidly initiated and energetically pursued once the presence of the species was recognized. Since these measures were not effective in slowing *Aedes albopictus*' establishment, it is not logical to argue for them to be continued.

Other commenters suggested that continued certification could prevent future importation of other species. We find no evidence in support of this position.

**Determination:** The requirement for certification of used tire casings from Asia prior to entry into the United States is canceled.

Dated: August 16, 1999.

**Joseph R. Carter,**

*Associate Director for Management and Operation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following subcommittee meeting.

**Name:** Ethics Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC.

**Time and Date:** 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., September 23, 1999.

**Place:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Building 16, Room 5126, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 25 people.

**Purpose:** This subcommittee will anticipate, identify, and propose solutions to strategic and broad ethical issues facing CDC.

**Matters to be Discussed:** Agenda items will include updates from the Associate Director for Science, Dixie E. Snider, M.D., M.P.H.; a discussion on recommendations for preventing transmission of Hepatitis B virus, Hepatitis C virus, and Human

Immunodeficiency Virus to patients in healthcare settings; and anticipating issues involved in future decisions regarding the rotavirus vaccine.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Kathy Cahill, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, M/S D-24, Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Telephone 404/639-7060.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

**Carolyn J. Russell,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Notice of Final List of Child Welfare Outcomes and Measures

**SUMMARY:** Section 203 of the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), signed into law in November 1997, requires that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, develop a set of outcome measures (including length of stay in foster care, number of foster care placements, and number of adoptions) that can be used to assess the performance of States in operating child protection and child welfare programs. In addition, the law requires that to the maximum extent possible, the outcome measures should be developed from data available from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). Section 203 of ASFA also directs the Secretary to prepare and submit to the Congress an Annual Report on the performance of each State on each outcome measure.

To meet these requirements, the Children's Bureau, the Federal agency charged with the task of implementing ASFA, engaged in a consultation process with State officials, advocates and other experts in the field. As a result of this process, the Children's Bureau published a preliminary list of

child welfare outcomes and measures in the **Federal Register** for public comment on February 2, 1999. Comments were received from 31 State child welfare agencies including the District of Columbia, 14 representatives of national organizations, nine members of a congressional coalition, one local child and family services agency, one tribal organization, four child welfare researchers, four Federal staff and one unaffiliated individual. Based on an analysis of the comments, numerous changes were made to the preliminary list of outcomes and measures.

This notice announces the final list of child welfare outcomes and measures and the data elements that will be used to compute each State's performance on each measure. The notice also describes additional data about each State system's characteristics that will be used in the Annual Report to provide context for interpreting State performance on the outcome measures. Finally, the notice provides general information about the steps that will lead to publication of the first Annual Report to the Congress on the performance of each State on each outcome measure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marianne Ruffy, Children's Bureau, 330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20447.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Nation's child welfare systems are designed to protect children who have suffered maltreatment, who are at risk for maltreatment, or who are under the care and placement responsibility of the State because their families are unable to care for them. These systems also focus on securing permanent living arrangements for children who are unable to return home. The Children's Bureau is the agency within the Federal Government that is responsible for assisting State child welfare systems by promoting continuous improvement in the delivery of child welfare services.

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) unequivocally established that our national goals for children in the child welfare system are safety, permanency, and well-being. To help achieve these goals, the ASFA requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in consultation with States and experts in the field, to identify outcome measures to gauge State and national progress in reaching these goals, and to report on these outcomes in an annual report to the Congress.

The Children's Bureau formed a consultation group comprised of representatives from State, Tribal and county child welfare agencies; State

Governor's offices; State legislatures; family and juvenile courts; local advocacy organizations; the research community; private nonprofit child and family services agencies; and a public employee organization. Representatives of national organizations such as the American Public Human Services Association, the Child Welfare League of America, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges also were asked to participate in the consultation process.

The Children's Bureau wishes to thank these individuals for sharing their time and expertise in the development of the preliminary set of child welfare outcomes and measures, which were published in the **Federal Register** for comment on February 2, 1999. We also would like to thank the many individuals who responded to that notice. Based on the comments received, the Children's Bureau has made a number of changes to the list of outcome measures, as detailed below.

#### **What Data Sources Will Be Used To Measure State Performance**

To avoid additional reporting by the States, the first Annual Report to the Congress will include outcome measures that are based on data already available through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). For the first Annual Report to the Congress, the Children's Bureau will use calendar year 1997 data for NCANDS, and fiscal year 1998 data for AFCARS. The specific data elements that will be used from these databases are listed below under each outcome measure. Please note that one of the consequences of focusing on outcomes that can be measured through AFCARS and NCANDS is that the outcomes to be included in the first Annual Report do not address child-well being measures and procedures for collecting data pertaining to those outcomes in the future.

In addition to displaying data on State performance on the outcome measures, the Annual Report will provide additional data about each State and its child welfare system in order to provide context for interpreting performance on the outcome measures. For the most part, these data also will be derived from the calendar year 1997 NCANDS and fiscal year 1998 AFCARS databases. Some examples include: the number of children under age 18; the number of children found to be victims of child maltreatment; the number of child fatalities due to maltreatment; the number of children entering foster care

at the beginning of the reporting year, the number exiting at the end of the same year and their median length of stay in care; the number of children waiting to be adopted; and the number of children adopted. It also will include age and race/ethnicity data for children in these categories.

#### **Steps Leading to Publication of the Annual Report**

The Children's Bureau will mail a letter to each State Child Welfare Director that will transmit the State's own data pages for review and comment prior to their being published and submitted to the Congress. State agencies will have the opportunity to provide comments that clarify their data or identify factors that may have affected their performance on the outcome measures. Since States' comments will be included in the Annual Report to the Congress, the Children's Bureau will need to require that the comments be limited due to space restrictions. In addition, State Child Welfare Directors will be asked to return their comments to the children's bureau by a specified date. No response by the due date will indicate that the State chooses not to submit comments. The transmittal letter will provide detailed information about the procedures for reviewing and submitting comments on the data.

#### **Final List of Child Welfare Outcomes and Measures**

The following outcome measures will be used as the basis for the first and subsequent Annual Reports to the Congress on the performance of each State in meeting the goals and objectives of the child welfare system. The data elements that will be used to compute the measures are also listed. Additional outcomes and measures may be added in future years as reporting capacities develop. This is particularly true for outcomes addressing child safety and well-being.

##### *Child Welfare Outcome 1: Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect*

Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the reporting period, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 12-month period?

Data Elements: NCANDS, DCDC record  
Element 3: Report ID  
Element 4: Child ID  
Element 8: Report disposition  
Element 9: Report disposition date

##### *Child Welfare Outcome 2: Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care*

Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage was the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?

Data Elements: NCANDS, DCDC record

Element 80: Perpetrator-1  
Relationship  
Element 93: Perpetrator-2  
Relationship  
Element 106: Perpetrator-3  
Relationship

AFCARS

Element 21: Date of latest removal  
Element 41: Current placement setting

##### *Child Welfare Outcome 3: Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care*

Measure 3.1: For all children who exited the child welfare system, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.2: For children who exited the system and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.3: For children who exited the system and were age 12 or older at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.4: For all children who exited the system, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.5: Of all children exiting the system to emancipation, what percentage was age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?

Data Elements: AFCARS

Element 6: Date of birth  
Element 8: Race  
Element 9: Hispanic origin  
Element 10: Child diagnosed with disabilities  
Element 21: Date of latest removal  
Element 56: Date of discharge from foster care  
Element 58: Reasons for discharge

##### *Child Welfare Outcome 4: Reduce Time in Foster Care to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry*

Measure 4.1: Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in the following time periods?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home  
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months

(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months  
 (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months  
 (5) 48 or more months  
 Measure 4.2: Of all children who entered foster care during the reporting period, what percentage re-entered care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?

Data Elements: AFCARS  
 Element 19: Total number of removals  
 Element 20: Date of discharge from last episode  
 Element 21: Date of latest removal  
 Element 56: Date of discharge from foster care  
 Element 58: Reason for discharge

*Child Welfare Outcome 5: Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption*

Measure 5.1: Of all children who exited care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?

- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
- (5) 48 or more months

Measure 5.2: Of all children who exited care to a finalized adoption and who were age 3 or older at the time of entry into care, what percentage exited care during the following time periods?

- (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
- (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
- (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
- (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
- (5) 48 or more months

Data Elements: AFCARS  
 Element 6: Date of birth  
 Element 21: Date of latest removal  
 Element 56: Date of discharge from foster care  
 Element 58: Reasons for discharge

*Child Welfare Outcome 6: Increase Placement Stability*

Measure 6.1: Of all children served who had been in care for the time

periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period?  
 (1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home  
 (2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months  
 (3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months  
 (4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months  
 (5) 48 or more months

Data Elements: AFCARS  
 Element 21: Date of latest removal  
 Element 24: Number of previous settings in episode  
 Element 56: Date of discharge from foster care (needed only if child exited during the year.)

*Child Welfare Outcome 7: Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions*

Measure 7.1: For all children who entered care during the reporting period and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage was placed in a group home or an institution?

Data Elements: AFCARS  
 Element 6: Date of birth  
 Element 21: Date of latest removal  
 Element 23: Placement date in current setting  
 Element 41: Current placement setting  
 Dated: August 13, 1999.

**Patricia Montoya,**  
*Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 99N-1393]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; State Petitions for Exemption from Preemption**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by September 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW., rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer for FDA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peggy Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

**State Petitions for Exemption From Preemption (21 CFR 100.1(d)) (OMB Control Number 0910-0277—Extension)**

Under section 403A(b) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 343-1(b)), States may petition FDA for exemption from Federal preemption of State food labeling and standard of identity requirements. Section 100.1(d) (21 CFR 100.1(d)) sets forth the information a State is required to submit in such a petition. The information required under § 100.1(d) enables FDA to determine whether the State food labeling or standard of identity requirement comports with the statutory criteria for exemption from Federal preemption.

In the **Federal Register** of June 4, 1999 (64 FR 30037), the agency requested comments on the proposed collections of information. One comment was received that was supportive of the proposal and encouraged FDA to continue this information collection request.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN<sup>1</sup>

21 CFR Section	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hours
100.1(d)	1	1	1	40	40

<sup>1</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.