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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 319M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7f) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), the Department of Health and Human Services established the National Biodefense Science Board. The Board shall provide expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate. The Board may also provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

Background: The National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) has been asked to provide feedback to the Department of Health and Human Services on the review of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and national medical surge capacity as required by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act of 2006 and as specified by Paragraph 28 of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 21. To accomplish this task, the request for review was forward to the Disaster Medicine Working Group of the NBSB. The Disaster Medicine Working Group convened a NDMS Assessment Panel to consider these issues. The NDMS Assessment Panel is comprised of several NBSB members and includes a wide range of government, public, and private sector subject matter experts on the NDMS and surge capacity.

The purpose of the September 23, 2008 meeting is for the NBSB to consider the final report of the NDMS Assessment Panel and to provide recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The public meeting will include a report from the NDMS Assessment Panel.

Availability of Materials: The draft agenda and other materials will be posted on the NBSB Web site at <http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/omsph/nbsb/index.html> prior to the meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public participation in NBSB meetings is encouraged. Interested members of the public may attend the meeting in

person or participate by public teleconference. Any member of the public wishing to obtain information regarding participation by teleconference should contact CAPT Leigh A. Sawyer. Members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the NBSB to consider.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public NBSB teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one half hour for all speakers. To be placed on the public speaker list, interested parties should contact CAPT Leigh A. Sawyer, in writing (preferably via e-mail), by September 12, 2008. *Written Statements:* In general, individuals or groups may file written comments with the committee. All written comments must be received prior to September 12, 2008 and should be sent by e-mail with "NBSB Public Comment" as the subject line or by regular mail to the Contact person listed above. Individuals needing special assistance should notify the designated contact person by September 12, 2008.

Dated: August 8, 2008.

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Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Request for Planning Ideas for Development of an AHRQ Innovations Research Portfolio

Correction

In notice document E8-18671 appearing on page 47952 in the issue of Friday, August 15, 2008, make the following correction:

On page 47952, in the first column, under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**, in the second line, "francis.chesley@ahrq.hhs.gov" should read "francis.chesley@ahrq.hhs.gov".

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & 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 & Medicaid Services (CMS), 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 function; (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.

1. Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Identification of Extension Units of Outpatient Physical Therapy (OPT)/ Outpatient Speech Pathology (OSP) Providers;

Use: Medicare requires OPT/OSP providers to be surveyed to determine compliance with Federal regulations. All locations where OPT/OSP providers furnish services must meet these requirements. The CMS-381 is the form used to identify all the OPT/OSP locations.

Form Number: CMS-381 (OMB# 0938-0273);

Frequency: Yearly;
Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments;

Number of Respondents: 495;
Total Annual Responses: 495;
Total Annual Hours: 866.

2. Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Outpatient Physical Therapy Speech Pathology Survey Report and