

potential to affect national security, and pursuant to section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3(b), the Acting Secretary declared an emergency justifying the authorization of the emergency use of certain *in vitro* diagnostics for detection of Swine Influenza A (now called "2009-H1N1 influenza") accompanied by emergency use information subject to the terms of any authorization issued under 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3(a). The Secretary further specified that the declaration is a declaration of emergency, as defined in the December 17, 2008, Declaration under the PREP Act for Pandemic Influenza Diagnostics, Personal Respiratory Protection Devices, and Respiratory Support Devices, published at 73 FR 78362 (December 22, 2008).

Also, on April 26, 2009, on the basis of the Acting Secretary's determination on April 26, 2009, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d, that a public health emergency exists involving Swine Influenza A that affects or has significant potential to affect national security, and pursuant to section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3(b), the Acting Secretary declared an emergency justifying the authorization of the emergency use of certain products from the neuraminidase class of antivirals oseltamivir phosphate and zanamivir accompanied by emergency use information subject to the terms of any authorization issued under 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3(a). The Secretary further specified that the declaration is a declaration of emergency, as defined in the October 10, 2008, Declaration under the PREP Act for Influenza Antivirals Oseltamivir Phosphate and Zanamivir, published at 73 FR 61861 (October 17, 2008), as amended. The Acting Secretary's April 26, 2009, amendment to the October 10, 2008 Declaration under the PREP Act for Influenza Antivirals Oseltamivir Phosphate and Zanamivir is separately published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

On April 27, 2009, on the basis of the Acting Secretary's determination on April 26, 2009, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 247d, that a public health emergency exists involving Swine Influenza A that affects, or has significant potential to affect, national security; and pursuant to section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3(b), the Acting Secretary declared an emergency justifying the authorization of the emergency use of certain personal

respiratory protection devices, accompanied by emergency use information subject to the terms of any authorization issued under 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3(a). The Secretary further specified that the declaration is a declaration of emergency, as defined in the December 17, 2008, Declaration under the PREP Act for Pandemic Influenza Diagnostics, Personal Respiratory Protection Devices, and Respiratory Support Devices, 73 FR 78362 (December 22, 2008).

Notice of the authorizations issued by the FDA Commissioner under 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3 is provided elsewhere in this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 28, 2009.

Kathleen Sebelius,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Office for Civil Rights; Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given, that I have delegated to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), with authority to redelegate, the following authority vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services:

1. The authority under section 262 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, as amended, to the extent that these actions pertain to the "Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information," at 45 CFR part 160 and part 164, subparts A and C, to

A. Impose civil money penalties under section 1176 of the Social Security Act for a covered entity's failure to comply with certain requirements and standards;

B. Issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any evidence that relates to any matter under investigation or compliance review for failure to comply with certain requirements and standards; and

C. Make exception determinations, under section 1178(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act, concerning when provisions of State laws that are contrary to the Federal standards are not preempted by the Federal provisions.

2. The authority under section 262 of HIPAA, as amended, to administer the regulation "Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected

Health Information," at 45 CFR part 160 and part 164, subparts A and C, and General Administrative Requirements, 45 CFR Part 160, as these requirements pertain to part 164, subparts A and C, and to make decisions regarding the interpretation and enforcement of these Standards and General Administrative Requirements.

This delegation shall be exercised under the Department's existing delegation of authority and policy relating to regulations.

This delegation supersedes the memorandum from the Secretary to the Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, dated October 7, 2003, titled "Delegation of Authority for Certain Provisions Under Part C of Title XI of the Social Security Act."

I hereby affirm and ratify any actions taken by the Director of OCR or his/her subordinates which involved the exercise of the authority delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation.

This delegation is effective immediately.

Dated: July 27, 2009.

Kathleen Sebelius,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Implementation of Section 5001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for Adjustments to the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Rates for Federal Matching Shares for Medicaid and Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice with comment period describes the methodology for calculating the higher federal matching funding that is made available under Section 5001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Section 5001 of the ARRA provides for temporary increases in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rates to provide fiscal relief to States and to protect and maintain State Medicaid programs in a period of economic downturn. The increased FMAP rates apply during a recession adjustment period that is defined as the period beginning on October 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The percentages listed are for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2009 beginning April 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2009.

Comment Date: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at the address provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on August 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Because of staff and resource limitations, we can only accept comments by regular mail. You may mail written comments (one original and one copy) to the following address only: Department of Health and Human Services, Room 447D, *Attention:* FMAP Notice—ARRA, 200 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Submitting Comments: We welcome comments from the public on the calculation methodology set forth in this notice with comment period to assist us in fully considering issues and developing policies. Please provide a reference to the section on which you choose to comment.

A. Background

The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) is used to determine the amount of Federal matching for specified State expenditures for assistance payments under programs under the Social Security Act. Sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act (“the Act”) require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish the FMAP rates each year. The Secretary calculates the percentages, using formulas set forth in sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B), from the Department of Commerce’s statistics of average income per person in each State and for the Nation as a whole. The percentages must be within the upper and lower limits given in section 1905(b) of the Act. The percentages to be applied to the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands are specified in statute, and thus are not based on the statutory formula that determines the percentages for the 50 States.

Section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act specifies the formula for calculating FMAP as follows:

The FMAP for any State shall be 100 per centum less the State percentage; and the State percentage shall be that percentage which bears the same ratio to 45 per centum as the square of the per capita income of such State bears to the square of the per capita income of the continental United States (including Alaska) and Hawaii; except that (1) the FMAP shall in no case be less than 50 per centum or more than 83 per centum, and (2) the FMAP for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern

Mariana Islands, and American Samoa shall be 50 per centum. Section 4725 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 amended section 1905(b) to provide that the FMAP for the District of Columbia for purposes of titles XIX (Medicaid) and XXI (CHIP) shall be 70 percent.

Section 5001 of Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides for a temporary increase in FMAP rates for Medicaid, Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs. The purposes of the increases to the FMAP rates are to provide fiscal relief to States and to protect and maintain State Medicaid programs in a period of economic downturn, referred to as the “recession adjustment period.” The recession adjustment period is defined as the period beginning on October 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2010.

B. Calculation of the Increased FMAP Rates Under ARRA

Section 5001 of the ARRA specifies that the FMAP rates shall be temporarily increased for the following: (1) Maintenance of FMAP rates for fiscal year 2009, fiscal year 2010, and first quarter of fiscal year 2011, so that the FMAP rate will not decrease from the prior year, determined by using as the FMAP rate for the current year the greater of any prior fiscal year FMAP rates between 2008–2010 or the rate calculated for the current fiscal year; (2) in addition to any maintenance increase, the application of an increase in each State’s FMAP of 6.2 percentage points; and (3) an additional percentage point increase based on the State’s increase in unemployment during the recession adjustment period. The resulting increased FMAP cannot exceed 100 percent. Each State’s FMAP will be recalculated each fiscal quarter beginning October 2008. Availability of certain components of the increased FMAP is conditioned on States meeting statutory programmatic requirements, such as maintenance of effort requirements, which are not part of the calculation process.

Expenditures for which the increased FMAP is not available under title XIX include expenditures for disproportionate share hospital payments, certain eligibility expansions, services received through an IHS or tribal facility (which are already paid at a rate of 100 percent which is not subject to increase), and expenditures that are paid at an enhanced FMAP rate. The increased FMAP is also not available for payments under title XXI. The increased FMAP is available for expenditures under part E of title IV (Foster Care Maintenance payments)

only to the extent of maintenance increase, if any, and the 6.2 percentage point increase.

For each qualifying State with an unemployment rate that has increased at a rate above a statutory threshold percentage, ARRA provides additional relief above the general 6.2 percentage point increase in FMAP through application of a different increase calculation. For those States, the FMAP for each qualifying State is increased by the number of percentage points equal to the product of the State matching percentage (as calculated under section 1905(b) and adjusted if necessary for the maintenance of FMAP without reduction from the prior year, and after applying half of the 6.2 percentage point general increase in the federal percentage) and the applicable percent determined from the State unemployment increase percentage for the quarter, in addition to the 6.2 percentage point increase.

The unemployment increase percentage for a calendar quarter is equal to the number of percentage points (if any) by which the average monthly unemployment rate for the State in the most recent previous 3-consecutive-month period for which data are available exceeds the lowest average monthly unemployment rate for the State for any 3-consecutive-month period beginning on or after January 1, 2006 and preceding the most recent previous 3-consecutive-month period. A State qualifies for additional relief based on an increase in unemployment if that State’s unemployment increase percentage is at least 1.5 percentage points.

The applicable percent is: (1) 5.5 percent if the State unemployment increase percentage is at least 1.5 percentage points but less than 2.5 percentage points; (2) 8.5 percent if the State unemployment increase percentage is at least 2.5 percentage points but less than 3.5 percentage points; and (3) 11.5 percent if the State unemployment increase percentage is at least 3.5 percentage points.

If the State’s applicable percent is less than the applicable percent for the preceding quarter, then the higher applicable percent shall continue in effect for any calendar quarter beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending before July 1, 2010.

Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa can make a one-time election between (1) A 30 percent increase in their cap on Medicaid payments (as determined under subsections (f) and (g) of section 1108 of the Social Security Act), or (2)

applying the increase of 6.2 percentage points in the FMAP plus a 15 percent increase in the cap on Medicaid payments. There is no quarterly unemployment adjustment for Territories. As a result, we are not addressing the Territories or Commonwealth in this document, and will instead work with them separately and individually.

C. Methodology Utilized in the Calculation of Increased FMAP Rates for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2009 and Subsequent Quarters During the Recession Adjustment Period

This notice sets forth increased FMAP rates for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2009 that have been calculated pursuant to the ARRA and are set forth in the table at the end of the notice. The rates set forth in this notice are effective from April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. The table gives figures for each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Adjusted figures are not shown for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Under ARRA, the application of an increased FMAP calculation for the Territories and Commonwealth depends upon a one-time election of a higher FMAP and 15 percent increase in their cap on federal Medicaid payments, or a 30 percent increase in their cap. Moreover, there is no quarterly unemployment adjustment for the Territories or Commonwealth. As a result, we will instead work with the Territories and Commonwealth separately and individually.

The maintenance of FMAP calculation and the general 6.2 percentage point increase are non-discretionary calculations, and were included in a prior notice issued April 21, 2009, at 74 FR 18235. This notice specifically adjusts FMAP rates for States qualifying for additional increase based on currently available information on unemployment rates in the States as obtained from the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, and describes the methodology we intend to use throughout the recession adjustment period.

The methodology that we have used to calculate the unemployment adjustment is to utilize the final unemployment rate for the most recent previous 3-month period for which data are available prior to each quarter to calculate that quarter's FMAP. The unemployment rate for the most recent previous 3-month period includes final unemployment rates for all three months.

The timing of the availability of final State unemployment data for the month just prior to the start of the fiscal quarter prevents the publication of the FMAP rates until after the fiscal quarter has begun. For example, State unemployment data for the month of March, the month just prior to the start of the fiscal quarter beginning April 1, becomes available during the month of April on a preliminary basis. State unemployment data for March does not become final until May with the release of preliminary April state unemployment data and so forth for subsequent months and quarters.

Because States rely on timely publication of the percentages for their use in budget planning activities, HHS will calculate preliminary quarterly FMAP rates at the time preliminary monthly data for the month prior to the start of the quarter is available. HHS will provide these rates to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the purpose of calculating preliminary quarterly adjustments, as specified by ARRA, for States' federal matching amounts. HHS will calculate final quarterly FMAP rates at the time final monthly data for the month prior to the start of the fiscal quarter is available. HHS will provide these rates to CMS for the purpose of calculating the final quarterly adjustments, as specified by ARRA, for States' final quarterly federal matching amounts and publish these final quarterly rates in a **Federal Register** notice.

As an example of the methodology, HHS will calculate preliminary FMAP rates for the fiscal quarter beginning April 1, using State unemployment data from final January, final February, and preliminary March unemployment rates, in April when preliminary March data become available, and supply these to CMS. HHS will calculate final FMAP rates for the fiscal quarter beginning April 1, using State unemployment data from final January, final February, and final March unemployment rates, in May when final March data become available and supply these to CMS and publish these final quarterly rates in a **Federal Register** notice. The methodology and timing for the calculations and their release will proceed similarly for subsequent quarters during the recession adjustment period.

We intend to utilize annual updates to the historical BLS data to make changes in the States' lowest unemployment rate. Revised historical unemployment rates are part of the currently available data used at the time of calculating third quarter FMAP rates each year. These revisions to the historical data will

remain current until the following third quarter FMAP rate is calculated, when new historical data becomes available.

Using data for the final State unemployment rates for the 3-consecutive-month period prior to the start of the fiscal quarter beginning April 1, 2009 and historical periods of each 3-consecutive-months beginning on or after January 1, 2006, differences in States' unemployment rates were calculated to determine if a State qualifies for an adjustment in its FMAP due to changes in its unemployment rate. For the third quarter of fiscal year 2009, we compared each State's final unemployment rate for the 3-month period ending in March 2009 to the lowest average unemployment rate for the State for any 3-consecutive-month period from January 1, 2006 through February 2009. A State received an additional FMAP increase if the State's unemployment increase percentage was at least 1.5 percentage points.

ARRA adjustments to FMAP are shown by State in the accompanying table. The hold harmless FY09 FMAP is the higher of the original FY08 or FY09 FMAP. The 6.2 percentage point increase is added to the hold harmless FY09 FMAP. The unemployment tier is determined from the comparison of the 3-month average unemployment rate ending March 2009 and the lowest 3-month unemployment rate during January 2006 to February 2009. The unemployment adjustment is calculated according to the unemployment tier and added to the hold harmless FY09 FMAP with the 6.2 percentage point increase.

We are requesting public comment on the calculation methodology described above, which we have used in developing the third quarter increased FMAP rates. We will address any public comments in the next quarterly notice of increased FMAP rates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Musco or Rose Chu, Office of Health Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 447D—Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-6870.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.558: TANF Contingency Funds; 93.563: Child Support Enforcement; 93.596: Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund; 93.658; 93.659: Adoption Assistance; 93.769: Ticket-to-Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIA) Demonstrations to Maintain Independence and Employment)

Dated: July 27, 2009.

Kathleen Sebelius,
Secretary.

ARRA ADJUSTMENTS TO FMAP Q3 FY09

State	FY08 original FMAP	FY09 original FMAP	Hold harmless FY 09	Hold harmless FY09 FMAP with 6.2%pt increase	1st and 2nd quarter FY09 FMAP Adjust (incl HH-6.2--unemployment)	3-Month average unemployment ending Mar 2009	Minimum unemployment	Unemployment difference	Unemployment tier	Unemployment adjustment Q3 FY09	3rd quarter FY09 FMAP adjustment (incl HH-6.2--unemployment)
Alabama	67.62	67.98	67.98	74.18	76.64	8.4	3.3	5.1	11.5	3.33	77.51
Alaska	52.48	50.53	52.48	58.68	58.68	8.0	6.0	2.0	5.5	2.44	61.12
Arizona	66.20	65.77	66.20	72.40	75.01	7.4	3.6	3.8	11.5	3.53	75.93
Arkansas	72.94	72.81	72.94	79.14	79.14	6.4	4.8	1.6	5.5	1.32	80.46
California	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	61.59	10.6	4.8	5.8	11.5	5.39	61.59
Colorado	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	58.78	7.1	3.6	3.5	11.5	5.39	61.59
Connecticut	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	60.19	7.4	4.3	3.1	8.5	3.99	60.19
Delaware	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	60.19	7.2	3.3	3.9	11.5	5.39	61.59
District of Columbia	70.00	70.00	70.00	76.20	77.68	9.6	5.4	4.2	11.5	3.09	79.29
Florida	56.83	55.40	56.83	63.03	67.64	9.4	3.3	6.1	11.5	4.61	67.64
Georgia	63.10	64.49	64.49	70.69	73.44	8.9	4.3	4.6	11.5	3.73	74.42
Hawaii	56.50	55.11	56.50	62.70	66.13	6.6	2.2	4.4	11.5	4.65	67.35
Idaho	69.87	69.77	69.87	76.07	78.37	6.8	2.8	4.0	11.5	3.11	79.18
Illinois	50.00	50.32	50.32	56.52	60.48	8.5	4.4	4.1	11.5	5.36	61.88
Indiana	62.69	64.26	64.26	70.46	73.23	9.6	4.4	5.2	11.5	3.75	74.21
Iowa	61.73	62.62	62.62	68.82	68.82	5.0	3.7	1.3	0.0	0.00	68.82
Kansas	59.43	60.08	60.08	66.28	66.28	5.9	4.0	1.9	5.5	2.03	68.31
Kentucky	69.78	70.13	70.13	76.33	77.80	9.3	5.4	3.9	11.5	3.08	79.41
Louisiana	72.47	71.31	72.47	78.67	80.01	5.6	3.5	2.1	5.5	1.34	80.01
Maine	63.31	64.41	64.41	70.61	72.40	7.9	4.4	3.5	11.5	3.74	74.35
Maryland	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	58.78	6.6	3.4	3.2	8.5	3.99	60.19
Massachusetts	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	58.78	7.6	4.4	3.2	8.5	3.99	60.19
Michigan	58.10	60.27	60.27	66.47	69.58	12.1	6.7	5.4	11.5	4.21	70.68
Minnesota	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	60.19	7.9	3.9	4.0	11.5	5.39	61.59
Mississippi	76.29	75.84	76.29	82.49	83.62	9.1	6.0	3.1	8.5	1.75	84.24
Missouri	62.42	63.19	63.19	69.39	71.24	8.4	4.7	3.7	11.5	3.88	73.27
Montana	68.53	68.04	68.53	74.73	76.29	5.9	3.2	2.7	8.5	2.41	77.14
Nebraska	58.02	59.54	59.54	65.74	65.74	4.5	2.8	1.7	5.5	2.05	67.79
Nevada	52.64	50.00	52.64	58.84	63.93	10.0	4.2	5.8	11.5	5.09	63.93
New Hampshire	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	56.20	5.7	3.4	2.3	5.5	2.58	58.78
New Jersey	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	58.78	7.9	4.2	3.7	11.5	5.39	61.59
New Mexico	71.04	70.88	71.04	77.24	77.24	5.5	3.5	2.0	5.5	1.42	78.66
New York	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	58.78	7.5	4.3	3.2	8.5	3.99	60.19
North Carolina	64.05	64.60	64.60	70.80	73.55	10.4	4.5	5.9	11.5	3.71	74.51
North Dakota	63.75	63.15	63.75	69.95	69.95	4.2	3.0	1.2	0.0	0.00	69.95
Ohio	60.79	62.14	62.14	68.34	70.25	9.3	5.3	4.0	11.5	4.00	72.34
Oklahoma	67.10	65.90	67.10	73.30	74.94	5.5	3.3	2.2	5.5	1.64	74.94
Oregon	60.86	62.45	62.45	68.65	71.58	10.8	5.0	5.8	11.5	3.96	72.61
Pennsylvania	54.08	54.52	54.52	60.72	63.05	7.5	4.3	3.2	8.5	3.60	64.32
Rhode Island	52.51	52.59	52.59	58.79	63.89	10.4	4.8	5.6	11.5	5.10	63.89
South Carolina	69.79	70.07	70.07	76.27	78.55	10.9	5.5	5.4	11.5	3.09	79.36
South Dakota	60.03	62.55	62.55	68.75	68.75	4.6	2.7	1.9	5.5	1.89	70.64
Tennessee	63.71	64.28	64.28	70.48	73.25	9.1	4.5	4.6	11.5	3.75	74.23
Texas	60.56	59.44	60.56	66.76	68.76	6.5	4.4	2.1	5.5	2.00	68.76
Utah	71.63	70.71	71.63	77.83	77.83	5.0	2.5	2.5	8.5	2.15	79.98
Vermont	59.03	59.45	59.45	65.65	67.71	7.0	3.5	3.5	11.5	4.31	69.96
Virginia	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	58.78	6.4	2.8	3.6	11.5	5.39	61.59
Washington	51.52	50.94	51.52	57.72	60.22	8.4	4.4	4.0	11.5	5.22	62.94
West Virginia	74.25	73.73	74.25	80.45	80.45	6.0	4.2	1.8	5.5	1.25	81.70
Wisconsin	57.62	59.38	59.38	65.58	65.58	7.8	4.4	3.4	8.5	3.19	68.77
Wyoming	50.00	50.00	50.00	56.20	56.20	4.0	2.8	1.2	0.0	0.00	56.20

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Renewal of Charter for the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS**

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5

U.S.C. Appendix 2), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby announcing renewal of the charter for the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Bates, Interim Executive Director, PACHA, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 443H; (202) 690-5560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PACHA was established by Executive Order 12963, dated June 14, 1995, as amended by Executive Order 13009, dated June

14, 1996; and Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a). The Council was established to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding programs and policies to promote effective prevention and cure of HIV disease and AIDS. The functions of the Council shall be solely advisory in nature.

Since PACHA was established, renewal of its charter has been carried out at the appropriate intervals as stipulated by FACA. The previous Council charter was scheduled to expire on July 27, 2009. On July 24, 2009, the