

have on an ASC that receives a large portion of revenue from other sources.

In general, we expect the rate changes in this notice to affect ASCs positively by increasing the rates upon which payments are based.

2. Impact on Hospitals and Small Rural Hospitals

Section 1833(i)(3)(A) of the Act mandates the method of determining payments to hospitals for ASC-approved procedures performed in an outpatient setting. The Congress believed some comparability should exist in the amount of payment to hospitals and ASCs for similar procedures. The Congress recognized, however, that hospitals have certain overhead costs that ASCs do not and allowed for those costs by establishing a blended payment methodology. For ASC procedures performed in an outpatient setting, hospitals are paid based on the lower of their aggregate costs, aggregate charges, or a blend of 58 percent of the applicable wage-adjusted ASC rate and 42 percent of the lower of the hospital's aggregate costs or charges. According to statistics from the Office of Strategic Planning within HCFA, 12 percent of Medicare payments to hospitals by intermediaries is attributable to services furnished in conjunction with ASC-covered procedures.

We would not expect an ASC rate increase in every instance to keep pace with actual hospital cost increases, although we would fully recognize cost increases resulting from inflation alone in the portion of the blended payment that includes aggregate hospital costs. The weight of the ASC portion of the blended payment amount, which would reflect the ASC rate increase, is offset to a degree when hospital costs significantly exceed the ASC rate. Another element that would eliminate the effect of the ASC rate increase on hospital outpatient payments is the application of the lowest payment screen in determining payments. Applying the lowest of costs, charges, or a blend can result in some hospitals being paid entirely on the basis of a hospital's costs or charges. In those instances, the increase in the ASC rates will have no effect on hospital payments. The number of Medicare beneficiaries a hospital serves and its case-mix variation would also influence the total impact of the new ASC rates on Medicare payments to hospitals. Based on these factors, we have determined, and we certify that this notice will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small rural hospitals. Therefore, we have not

prepared a small rural hospital impact analysis.

IV. Waiver of 30-Day Delay in the Effective Date

We ordinarily publish notices, such as this, subject to a 30-day delay in the effective date. However, if adherence to this procedure would be impractical, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, we may waive the delay in the effective date. The provisions of this notice are effective for services furnished on or after October 1, 1997. These provisions will increase payment to ASCs by 0.6 percent (as modified by any change to the wage index), in accordance with section 1833(i)(2)(C) of the Act, as amended by the BBA. As a practical matter, if we allowed a 30-day delay in the effective date of this notice, ASCs would be unable to take timely advantage of the increase in payment rates contained in this notice. Moreover, we believe a delay is impractical and unnecessary because the statute, as explained earlier, provides that ASC payment rates be increased by the percentage increase in the CPI-U if the Secretary has not updated rates during an FY, beginning with FY 1996. Therefore, we find good cause to waive the delay in the effective date.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

(Sections 1832(a)(2)(F) and 1833(i) (1) and (2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(F) and 1395l(i) (1) and (2)); 42 CFR 416.120, 416.125, and 416.130) (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: October 9, 1997.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,
Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

Donna E. Shalala,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4193-N-03]

Announcement of Funding Awards Fair Housing Initiatives Program FY 1997

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Announcement of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of the FY 1997 funding awards made under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP). The purpose of this document is to announce the names and addresses of the award winners and the amount of the awards to be used to strengthen the Department's enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and to further fair housing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy Davis, Director, FHIP/FHAP Support Division, Room 5234, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20410-2000. Telephone number (202) 708-0800 (this is not a toll-free number). A telecommunications device for hearing- and speech-impaired individuals (TTY) is available at 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Service).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3601-19 (The Fair Housing Act), charges the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development with responsibility to accept and investigate complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale, rental, or financing of most housing. In addition, the Fair Housing Act directs the Secretary to coordinate with State and local agencies administering fair housing laws and to cooperate with and render technical assistance to public or private entities carrying out programs to prevent and eliminate discriminatory housing practices.

Section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3616 note, established the FHIP to strengthen the Department's enforcement of the Fair Housing Act and to further fair housing. This program assists projects and activities designed to enhance compliance with the Fair Housing Act and substantially equivalent State and local fair housing laws. Implementing regulations are found at 24 CFR Part 125.

The FHIP has four funding categories: The Administrative Enforcement Initiative, the Education and Outreach Initiative, the Private Enforcement Initiative, and the Fair Housing Organizations Initiative. This notice announces awards made under the Fair Housing Organizations Initiative, Education and Outreach Initiative, and the Private Enforcement Initiative.

The Department announced in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1997 (62

FR 34562) the availability of \$15,000,000 to be utilized for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program. This Notice announces awards to 67 organizations that submitted applications under the FY 1997 FHIP NOFA.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers for the Fair Housing

Initiative Program are 14.409, 14.410 and 14.413.

The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the FY 1997 FHIP NOFA. As a result, HUD has funded the applications announced in Appendix A, and in accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development

Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is hereby publishing details concerning the recipients of funding awards in Appendix A of this document.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

Eva M. Plaza,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

APPENDIX A—FY 97 FHIP AWARDS

Applicant name	Contact person	HUD region	Award amount
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE—NATIONAL PROGRAM COMPONENT			
Tennessee Fair Housing Council, 719 Thompson Lane, Suite 324, 100 Oak Office Tower, Nashville, TN 37204.	Joel Emerson, 615-383-6155	4	\$149,949
National Association of Homebuilders Research Center, Inc., 400 Prince Georges Boulevard, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.	Liza Bowles, 301-249-4000	3	103,746
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago, 310 South Peoria, Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60607.	Rosa Villarreal, 312-226-5900	5	*46,254
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE—REGIONAL/LOCAL/COMMUNITY-BASED COMPONENT			
Housing Discrimination Project, Inc., 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040	Erin Kemple, 413-539-9796	1	98,450
City of Savannah, P.O. Box 1027, Savannah, GA 31402	Michael Brown, 912-651-6415	4	78,010
Elizabeth City State University, 1704 Weeksville Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.	Mickey Burnim, 919-335-3220	4	100,000
Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, 332 W. Broadway, 7th Floor, Heyburn Building, Louisville, KY 40202.	Beverly Watts, 502-595-4024	4	82,308
City of Memphis—Division of Housing, 701 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38107.	W.W. Herenton, 901-576-6009	4	100,000
Metro Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, 600 East Mason Street, Ste 401, Milwaukee, WI 53202.	William Tisdale, 414-278-1240	5	*45,274
The Housing Advocates, 3214 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115	Edward Kramer, 216-391-5444	5	100,000
Illinois Department of Human Rights, 100 West Randolph Street, Ste 10-100, Chicago, IL 60601.	Rose Mary Bombela, 312-814-6245	5	99,669
Montana Fair Housing, Inc., 904A Kensington Avenue, Missoula, MT 59801	Susan K. Fifield, 406-542-2611	8	100,000
Seattle Office of Civil Rights, 700 Third Avenue, Suite 250, Seattle, WA 98104.	Germaine Covington, 206-684-4513	10	96,305
Eugene, Springfield Community Housing Resource Board, P.O. Box 10934, Eugene, OR 97440.	Charles Ellis, 541-343-1271	10	99,984
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE—COMMUNITY TENSIONS COMPONENT			
West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc., 210 W. Main Street, Jackson, TN 38302.	J. Steven Xanthopoulos, 901-426-1311.	4	100,000
City of Parma, 6611 Ridge Road, Parma, OH 44129	Michael O'Malley, 440-885-8132	5	80,331
Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc., 100 N. La Salle Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60602.	Clyde Murphy, 312-630-9744	5	98,230
Metro Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing, 122 W. Franklin Avenue, #320, Minneapolis, MN 55404.	Joy Navarre, 612-871-8980	5	99,846
Arkansas ACORN Fair Housing, 523 West 15th Street, Little Rock, AR 72202.	Lorraine Johnson, 501-374-2114	6	100,000
PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE—MULTI YEAR COMPONENT			
New Hampshire Legal Assistance, 1361 Elm Street, Suite 307, Manchester, NH 03101.	John Tobin, 603-644-5393	1	256,492
Connecticut Fair Housing Center, Inc., 221 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106.	Denise Viera, 860-247-4400	1	350,000
Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc., 700 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202.	Scott Gehl, 716-854-1400	2	216,712
Fair Housing Council of Central New York, Inc., 327 W. Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.	Merrilee Witherell, 315-471-0420	2	154,659
Long Island Housing Services, 1747 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Ste 42A, Islandia, NY 11722.	Samuel Miller, 516-582-2727	2	350,000
Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, 225 S. Chester Road, Suite 1, Swarthmore, PA 19081.	William Henderson, 610-623-3164	3	349,999
Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, 7 Wood Street, Suite 402, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.	Robert Pitts, 412-371-4528	3	349,328

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Applicant name	Contact person	HUD region	Award amount
Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc., 1800 N. Broom Street, Suite 105, Electra Arms Apartment Building, Wilmington, DE 19801.	Gladys Spikes, 302-429-0794	3	50,427
Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., 2217 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218	Joseph Coffey, 410-243-4468	3	262,178
The Fair Housing Continuum, Inc., 840 N. Cocoa Blvd., Suite C, Cocoa, FL 32922.	Fairbanks Berry, 407-633-4551	4	350,000
Fair Housing Council, 835 W. Jefferson Street, Room 100, Louisville, KY 40202.	Galen Martin, 502-583-3247	4	349,997
H.O.P.E., Inc., 3000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 102, Miami, FL 33137	William Thompson, 305-571-8522 ...	4	350,000
Greater Birmingham Fair Housing Center, 2000 1st Avenue North, Suite 529, Birmingham, AL 35203.	Lila Hackett, 205-324-0111	4	350,000
Central Alabama Fair Housing Center, 207 Montgomery Street, Suite 725, Montgomery, AL 36104.	Faith Cooper, 334-263-4663	4	350,000
Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, 430 1st Avenue North, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55401.	Jeremy Lane, 612-334-5785	5	349,997
The Cuyahoga Plan of Ohio, Inc., 812 Huron Road, The Caxton Building, Suite 750, Cleveland, OH 44115.	Michael Roche, 216-621-4525	5	350,000
North East Wisconsin Fair Housing Council, Inc., 911 N. Lynndale Drive, Ste 2A, Appleton, WI 54914.	Paul Zilles, 920-734-9641	5	297,305
Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Cincinnati, Inc., 2400 Reading Road, Room 109, Cincinnati, OH 45202.	Karla Irvine, 513-721-4663	5	305,171
Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs, 620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093.	Gail Schechter, 847-501-5760	5	350,000
Louisiana Fair Housing Organization, 1024 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117.	Beulah Labostrie, 504-943-0044	6	350,000
The Arkansas Fair Housing Council, 901 Carpenter Street, Arkadelphia, AR 71923.	Dan Pless, 870-245-3855	6	340,503
Metro. St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council, 200 S. Hanley, Ste 613, St. Louis, MO 63105.	Bronwen Zwirner, 314-725-5900	7	349,604
Family Housing Advisory Services, Inc., 2416 Lake Street, Omaha, NE 68111.	Kevin Danler, 402-444-6675	7	350,000
North Dakota Fair Housing Council, Inc., 533 Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504.	Lynda Johnson, 701-221-2530	8	349,879
Housing For All, The Metro Denver Fair Housing Center, 2855 Tremont Place, Suite 205, Denver, CO 80205.	Eleanor Crow, 303-443-4836	8	339,474
Truckee Meadows Fair Housing, Inc., P.O. Box 3935, Reno, NV 89505	Katherine Copeland, 702-324-0990	9	350,000
Fair Housing Council of Fresno County, 2014 Tulare Street, Ste 413, Fresno, CA 93721.	Dinorah Olmos, 209-498-6174	9	349,702
Inland Mediation Board, 1005 Begonia Avenue, Ontario, CA 91762	Betty Davidow, 909-984-2254	9	306,541
Greater Nevada Fair Housing Council, Inc., 430 Jeanell Drive, Suite 2, Carson City, NV 89703.	Marcia McCormick, 702-883-0888 ...	9	258,510
Southern Arizona Housing Center, 1525 N. Oracle, #111, Tucson, AZ 85705.	Richard Rhey, 520-798-1568	9	349,710
Fair Housing Council of Oregon, 310 S.W. Fourth Avenue, Suite 430, Portland, OR 97204.	Cynthia Ingebretson, 503-223-8295	10	350,000
Fair Housing Center of Puget Sound, 8815 South Tacoma Way, Suite 119, Lakewood, WA 98499.	Lauren Walker, 253-589-6955	10	350,000
Idaho Fair Housing Council, 310 N. 5th, Boise, ID 83702	Richard Mabbutt, 208-383-0695	10	349,780

FAIR HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS INITIATIVE—CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, P.O. Box 1603, Burlington, VT 05402.	Robert Kiss, 802-862-2771	1	181,665
Queens Legal Services Corporation, 89-02 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435.	Arnold Cohen, 718-657-8611	2	100,000
National Community Reinvestment Coalition, 733 15th Street, NW, Suite 540, Washington, DC 20005.	John Taylor, 202-628-8866	3	200,000
Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington, 1212 New York Avenue, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005.	David Berenbaum, 202-289-5360	3	200,000
North Carolina Fair Housing Center, P.O. Box 28958, 224 S. Dawson Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.	Stella Adams, 919-856-2166	4	200,000
Toledo Fair Housing Center, 2116 Madison Avenue, Toledo, OH 43624	Lisa Rice, 419-243-6163	5	200,000
Kansas City Fair Housing Center, 3033 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64128.	Thomas Randolph, 816-923-3247 ...	7	*69,609
Newsed Community Development Corp., 1029 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204.	Veronica Barela, 303-534-8342	8	198,726

FAIR HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS INITIATIVE—CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT (DISABILITY SET-ASIDE)

Stavros Center for Independent Living, 691 South East Street, Amherst, MA 10002.	James Kruidenier, 413-256-0473	1	200,000
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Monroe Co. Legal Assistance Corporation, 80 St. Paul Street, Suite 700, Rochester, NY 14604.	Leanna Gibson Hart, 716-325-2520	2	182,274
Disability Rights Education Defense Fund, 2212 Sixth Street, Alton, IL 62002.	Susan R. Henderson, 510-644-2555	5	199,811
Albuquerque Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., 1720 Louisiana Blvd., N.E., Ste 204, Albuquerque, NM 87110.	James Jackson, 505-256-3100	6	199,635
Legal Aid of Western Missouri, 1005 Grand Boulevard, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64106.	Richard Halliburton, 816-474-6750 ..	7	*169,780
Disability Law Center, 455 East 400 South #410, Salt Lake City, UT 84111	Fraser Nelson, 801-363-1347	8	200,000
Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc., 310 North 5th, P.O. Box 913, Boise, ID 83701.	Ernesto Sanchez, 208-336-8980	10	198,500

* Partial funding amounts reflect an amount less than applicant requested. If additional funds become available, award amount may be increased.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4235-N-02]

Privacy Act of 1974: Proposed Amendment to Two Systems of Records

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.
ACTION: Notification of a proposed amendment to two existing systems of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11)), HUD is issuing notice of the Department's intention to amend the following Privacy Act systems of records: HUD/Dept-28, Property Improvement and Manufactured (Mobile) Home Loans-Default and HUD/DEPT-2, Accounting Records. A new routine use disclosure will be added to both systems of records. The new routine use disclosure is necessary to accommodate the Department of Treasury cross servicing or for some other Federal agency designated by Treasury to perform the necessary routine debt collection tasks.
DATES: *Comments Due Date:* Persons wishing to comment on the proposed routine use must do so by March 23, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These amendments will be effective March 23, 1998, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy

of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeanette Smith, Privacy Act Officer, Telephone Number (202) 708-2374 [This is not a toll-free number] or Fax Number (202) 708-3577.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD/Dept-2 and HUD/Dept-28 are being amended to allow for the release of information pertaining to delinquent accounts to the Department of Treasury or to other Federal agencies designated by the Department of Treasury for the purpose of debt collection. The new routine use will read as follows: To other Federal agencies for the purpose of debt collection.

Accordingly, HUD/Dept-28 and HUD/Dept-2 system notices originally published in the "Federal Register Privacy Act Issuances," 1995/ compilation are further amended by the addition of the new routine use disclosure below.

A report of HUD's intention to add a new routine use disclosure has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the House Committee on Government and Oversight pursuant to paragraph 4 of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," February 8, 1996.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a, 88 Stat. 1896; (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: February 12, 1998.

David S. Cristy,

Director, Information Resources Management Policy and Management Division.

HUD/DEPT-28

SYSTEM NAME: Property Improvement and Manufactured (Mobile) Home Loans-Default.
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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, other routine uses are as follows:

- (a) To the Department of Justice for prosecution of fraud in the course of claims collection efforts and for the institution of suit or other proceedings to effect collection of claims.
- (b) To the FBI to investigate possible fraud revealed in the course of claims collection efforts.
- (c) General Accounting Office for audit purposes.
- (d) Private employers and Federal agencies to facilitate collection of claims against employees.
- (e) Office of Personnel Management for offsetting retirement payments.
- (f) Consumer reporting and commercial credit agencies to facilitate claims collection consistent with Federal Claims Collection Standards, 4 CFR 102.4.
- (g) To financial institutions that originated or serviced loans to give notice of disposition of claims.
- (h) To title insurance companies for payment of liens.
- (i) To local recording offices for filing assignments of legal documents, satisfactions, etc.
- (j) To bankruptcy courts for filing of proofs of claim.
- (k) To HUD contractors for debt servicing.