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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Parts 403, 412, 431, 440, 442, 456, 446, 488, and 489

[HCFA-1909-IFC]

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Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions and Advance Directives

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Interim final rule with comment period.

SUMMARY: This rule deletes all references to Christian Science sanatoria and sets forth the Medicare requirements for coverage and payment of services furnished by religious nonmedical health care institutions. It also sets forth the conditions of participation that religious nonmedical health care institutions must meet before they can participate in Medicare. It sets forth the methods we will use to pay religious nonmedical health care institutions and monitor expenditures for religious nonmedical health care institution services. Additionally, the rule presents the rules governing optional coverage of religious nonmedical health care institution services by States under the Medicaid program.

DATES: Effective date: These regulations are effective January 31, 2000. The incorporation by reference of the publication in this rule was approved by the Director of the Federal Register as

of January 31, 2000. Comment date: Comments will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail an original and 3 copies of written comments to the following address: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: HCFA-1909-IFC, P.O. Box 8017, Baltimore, MD 21244-9016. If you prefer, you may deliver an original and 3 copies of your written comments to one of the following addresses:

Room 309-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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