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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Public Health Service

## NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Statement of Organizations, Functions and  
Delegations of Authority

Part H, Chapter HN (National Institutes of Health) of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 57 FR 13751-3, April 17, 1992), is amended to reflect the following change within the National Center for Human Genome Research (NCHGR):

(1) Establish the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Branch within the NCHGR. This substructure currently exists as an independent program within the Research Grants Branch, NCHGR. The establishment of the ELSI Branch will allow the NCHGR to specifically define the responsibilities of this organizational component and its role in carrying out the mission of the NCHGR as a whole, and clarify lines of supervisory control.

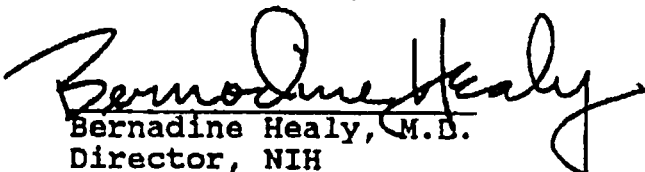
Section HN-B, Organization and Functions, is amended as follows:

Under the heading National Center for Human Genome Research (HN4), insert the following:

Ethical, Legal and Social Implications Branch (HN44).

(1) Provides expert advice to the Director and Deputy Director, NCHGR, regarding the ethical, legal and social implications of various aspects of the Human Genome Program and represents them at meetings where ethical concerns are discussed; (2) plans and directs a program dealing with the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of the Human Genome Project to develop recommendations, guidelines, and policy options for the orderly introduction of information generated by human genome research into biomedical practice; (3) manages a portfolio of grants in the area of ELSI and develops RFAs and Program Announcements which focus on the ethical, legal and social implications of the human genome initiative; (4) provides staff support for the Ethics Working Group of the Program Advisory Committee on the Human Genome; (5) coordinates ELSI policy-development activities with the Science Policy Studies Center (SPSC) within the Office of Science Policy and Legislation of the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health; (6) coordinates grant awarding activities with agencies such as the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Energy to avoid duplication of effort; and (7) provides consultation to other NIH programs regarding the ethical, legal and social dimensions of human genetics research.

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