

(address above) in two copies (except that individuals may submit single copies) and identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. These submissions may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The agency encourages any person who submits relevant information on the application to do so by March 25, 1996, and to provide an additional copy of the submission directly to the contact person identified above, to facilitate consideration of the information during the 30-day review period.

This notice is issued under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 802 (21 U.S.C. 382)) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (21 CFR 5.10) and redelegated to the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (21 CFR 5.44).

Dated: February 26, 1996.

James C. Simmons,

Director, Office of Compliance, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

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Health Care Financing Administration

Submitted for Collection of Public Comment: Submission for OMB Review

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information. 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 functions; (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 Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Requests; *Form No.:* HCFA-8003; *Use:* Under a Secretarial waiver, States may offer a wide array of home and community-based services to

individuals who would otherwise require institutionalization. States requesting a waiver must provide certain assurances, documentation and cost and utilization estimates which are reviewed, approved and maintained for the purpose of identifying/verifying States' compliance with such statutory and regulatory requirements; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 140; *Total Annual Hours:* 12,600.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Kathleen B. Larson,

Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Submitted for Collection of Public Comment: Submission for OMB Review

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information. 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 functions; (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 Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously

approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 435.940-435.965; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-74; *Use:* Section 1137 of the Social Security Act requires Medicaid State agencies and other federally-funded welfare agencies to request income and resource data from certain federal agencies, State wage information collection agencies, and State unemployment compensation agencies through an IEVS. The purpose of the IEVS is to ensure that only eligible individuals receive benefits. Our regulations implementing these requirements are found at 42 CFR 435.940-435.965; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 54; *Total Annual Hours:* 131,390.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Kathleen B. Larson

Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Health Resources and Services Administration

Maternal and Child Health Services; Federal Set-Aside Program; Research and Training Grants

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The HRSA announces that applications will be accepted for fiscal year (FY) 1996 funds for Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) research and training grants. Awards will be made under the program authority of section 502(a) of the Social Security Act, the MCH Federal Set-Aside Program. A revised regulation

implementing the Federal Set-Aside Program (42 CFR part 51a) was published in the July 19, 1994, issue of the Federal Register at 59 FR 36703. Within the HRSA, SPRANS grants are administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). MCH research and training grants improve the health status of mothers and children through: development and dissemination of new knowledge; demonstration of new or improved ways of delivering care or otherwise enhancing Title V program capacity to provide or assure provision of appropriate services; and preparation of personnel for leadership in MCH-relevant specialties. Awards are made for grant periods which generally run from 1 up to 5 years in duration. Grants for SPRANS hemophilia programs, genetic services and special MCH improvement projects (MCHIP), which contribute to the health of mothers, children, and children with special health care needs (CSHCN), are being announced in a separate notice.

This program announcement is subject to the appropriation of funds. Applicants are advised that this program announcement is a contingency action being taken to assure that should funds become available for this purpose, they can be awarded in a timely fashion consistent with the needs of the program as well as to provide for even distribution of funds throughout the fiscal year. At this time, given a continuing resolution and the absence of FY 1996 appropriations for the SPRANS program, the amount of available funding for this specific grant program cannot be estimated.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The MCH Block Grant Federal Set-Aside Program addresses issues related to the Healthy People 2000 objectives of improving maternal, infant, child and adolescent health and developing service systems for children with special health care needs. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report: Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report: Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office Washington, DC 20402-9325 (telephone: (202) 783-3238).

The PHS strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain

facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care or early childhood development services are provided to children.

ADDRESSES: Grant applications for MCH research and training grants must be obtained from and submitted to: Chief, Grants Management Branch, Office of Operations and Management, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 18-12, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443-1440. Applicants for research projects will use Form PHS 398, approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0925-0001. Applicants for training projects will use Form PHS 6025-1, approved by OMB under control number 0915-0060. You must obtain application materials in the mail. Written requests should specify the category or categories of activities for which an application is requested so that the appropriate materials may be provided.

Federal Register notices and application guidance for MCHB programs are available on the World Wide Web via the Internet at address: <http://www.os.dhhs.gov/hrsa/mchb>. Click on the file name you want to download to your computer. It will be saved as a self-extracting (Macintosh or Wordperfect 5.1 file. To decompress the file once it is downloaded, type in the file name followed by a <return>. The file will expand to a Wordperfect 5.1 file. If you have difficulty accessing the MCHB Home Page via the Internet and need technical assistance, please contact Linda L. Schneider at 301-443-0767 or "lschneider@hrsa.ssw.dhhs.gov".

DATES: Potential applicants are invited to request application packages for the specific program category in which they are interested, and to submit their applications for funding consideration. Deadlines for receipt of applications differ for the several categories of grants. The next deadline for receipt of Research Grant applications is August 1, 1996. (Applications are also accepted each year on March 1, as well.) The deadline for receipt of Continuing Education and Development Grant applications is July 1, 1996.

Applications will be considered to have met the deadline if they are either: (1) Received on or before the deadline date, or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. Applicants should request a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service, or obtain a legibly dated U.S.

Postal Service postmark. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Late applications or those sent to an address other than specified in the **ADDRESS** section will be returned to the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for technical or programmatic information should be directed to the contact persons identified below for each category covered by this notice. Requests for information concerning business management issues should be directed to: Acting Grants Management Officer (GMO), MCHB, at the address specified in the **ADDRESS** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To facilitate the use of this announcement, information in this section has been organized, as outlined in the Table of Contents below, into a discussion of: Program Background, Special Concerns, Evaluation Protocol, Project Review and Funding, SPRANS Project Grants, Public Comment, Eligible Applicants, and Public Health System Reporting Requirements. In addition, for each research and training funding category or subcategory, information is presented under the following headings:

- Application Deadline.
- Purpose.
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1. Program Background and Objectives

Under Section 502 of the Social Security Act, 15 percent of the funds are to be set-aside by the Secretary to support (through grants, contracts, or otherwise) special projects of regional and national significance, including research, and training with respect to maternal and child health and children with special health care needs (including early intervention training and services development). The MCH SPRANS set-aside was established in 1981. Support for projects covered by this announcement will come from the

SPRANS set-aside. Acceptance of applications for FY 1996 funds for MCH research and training grants is being announced separately from other SPRANS grants this year in order to reduce confusion to potential applicants from announcement of grants in very large numbers of SPRANS categories and subcategories. The research and training grants covered in this notice are intended to improve the health status of mothers and children.

Research programs focus on the development of new knowledge for application in health care promotion and prevention efforts directed at pregnant women, women of childbearing age, infants, children, adolescents, and children with special health care needs and their families. Findings are expected to have potential for application in health care delivery programs for mothers and children.

Continuing Education and Development (CED) training includes efforts conducted by an institution of higher learning such as short-term, non-degree programs, courses, workshops, conferences, symposia, institutes, and distance learning strategies; and/or development or enhancement of curricula, guidelines, standards of practice, and educational tools/strategies. Continuing Education and Development focuses on increasing leadership skills of MCH professionals; facilitating timely transfer and application of new information, research findings, and technology related to MCH; and updating and improving the knowledge and skills of health and related professionals in programs serving mothers and children, including children with special health care needs (CSHCN). As a result of the CED, professionals are more adequately prepared to provide comprehensive services and to provide leadership in advancing the field to better serve mothers and children.

2. Special Concerns

In keeping with the goals of advancing the development of human potential, strengthening the Nation's capacity to provide high quality education by broadening participation in MCHB programs of institutions that may have perspectives uniquely reflecting the Nation's cultural and linguistic diversity, and increasing opportunities for all Americans to participate in and benefit from Federal public health programs, a funding priority will be placed on projects from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) or Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) in all categories and subcategories in this

notice for which applications from academic institutions are encouraged. An approved proposal from a HBCU or HSI will receive a 0.5 point favorable adjustment of the priority score in a 5 point range before funding decisions are made.

3. Project Review and Funding

Within the limit of funds determined by the Secretary to be available for the activities described in this announcement, the Secretary will review applications for funds under the specific project categories in Section 4, below, as competing applications and may award Federal funding for projects which will, in her judgment, best promote the purpose of title V of the Social Security Act, with special emphasis on improving service delivery to women and children from culturally distinct populations; best address achievement of Healthy Children 2000 objectives related to maternal, infant, child and adolescent health and service systems for children at risk of chronic and disabling conditions; and otherwise best promote improvements in maternal and child health.

3.1 Criteria for Review

The criteria which follow are used, as pertinent, to review and evaluate applications for awards under all SPRANS grants and cooperative agreement project categories announced in this notice. Further guidance in this regard is supplied in application guidance materials, which may specify other criteria.

- The quality of the project plan or methodology
- The need for the research or training
- The extent to which the project will contribute to the advancement of maternal and child health and/or improvement of the health of children with special health care needs;
- The extent to which the project is responsive to policy concerns applicable to MCH grants and to program objectives, requirements, priorities and/or review criteria for specific project categories, as published in program announcements or guidance materials
- The extent to which the estimated cost to the Government of the project is reasonable, considering the anticipated results
- The extent to which the project personnel are well qualified by training and experience for their roles in the project and the applicant organization has adequate facilities and personnel
- The extent to which, insofar as practicable, the proposed activities, if

well executed, are capable of attaining project objectives.

- The strength of the project's plans for evaluation
- The extent to which the project will be integrated with the administration of the MCH Block Grant, State primary care plans, public health, and prevention programs, and other related programs in the respective State(s)
- The extent to which the application is responsive to the special concerns and program priorities specified in this notice

3.2 Funding of Approved Applications

Final funding decisions for SPRANS research and training grants are the responsibility of the Director, MCHB. In considering scores for the ranking of approved applications for funding, preferences may be exercised for groups of applications; for example, new projects may be funded ahead of competing continuations, or vice versa. Within any category of approved projects, the score of an individual project may be favorably adjusted, as noted in the notice or guidance for that category, if the project addresses specific priorities identified in this notice. In addition, special consideration in assigning scores may be given by reviewers to individual applications that address areas identified in this notice as special concerns.

4. Special Projects of Regional and National Significance

Two categories of SPRANS grants are discussed below—Research, and Continuing Education and Development:

4.1. Research Grants

- Application Deadline: August 1, 1996. For Research Grants, approximately one-half of the available funds are allocated annually to each cycle (March 1 and August 1). Applications approved but not funded in one cycle are automatically carried forward to the next.
 - Purpose: To encourage research in maternal and child health which has the potential for ready transfer of findings to health care delivery programs. Research grants may be made only to public or nonprofit institutions of higher learning and public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations engaged in research or in maternal and child health or programs for CSHCN.
- Special consideration will be given to projects which address the factors and processes that lead to disparities in health status and use of services among

minority and other disadvantaged groups as well as health promoting behaviors, quality outcome measures, and systems integration/reform.

- Project Period: Generally 3 years but may be up to 5 years.
- Contact: For programmatic or technical information, contact Gontran Lamberty, Dr.P.H., telephone: (301) 443-2190.

4.2. Training Grants: Continuing Education and Development

- Application Deadline: July 1, 1996.
- Purpose: To support and strengthen MCH programs and improve MCH systems of care through short term, non-degree related training of health professionals and others providing health and related services for mothers and children—workshops, seminars, institutes, distance learning, etc.—and/or to conduct other related activities that develop or enhance standards, practices, curricula, etc., to improve health care for the MCH population. Continuing Education and Development grants may be made only to public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning.

- Priorities: Priority for funding in this category will be given to Continuing Education and Development projects in the following areas:

- Emergency Medical Services for Children
- Collaborative Office Rounds (Joint Pediatrics-Child Psychology Continuing Education)
- Core Public Health
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Resources

- Project Period: Range from 1 to 3 years.
- Contact: For programmatic or technical information, contact Elizabeth Brannon, M.S., R.D., telephone: (301) 443-2190.

5. Public Comment

The categories, priorities, special considerations and preferences described above are not being proposed for public comment this year. In July 1993, following publication of the Department's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to revise the MCH special project grant regulations at 42 CFR 51a, the public was invited for a 60-day period to submit comments regarding all aspects of the SPRANS application and review process. In responding to those comments, the Department noted the practical limits on Secretarial discretion in establishing SPRANS categories and priorities owing to the extensive prescription in both the statute and annual Congressional directives.

Comments on this SPRANS notice which members of the public wish to

make are welcome at any time and may be submitted to: Director, MCHB, at the address listed in the ADDRESS section. Suggestions will be considered when priorities are developed for the next solicitation.

6. Eligible Applicants

MCH training grants may be made only to public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning. Research grants may be made only to public or nonprofit private institutions of higher learning and public or nonprofit private agencies and organizations engaged in research in maternal and child health or programs for CSHCN. As noted above, applicants for certain grant categories or subcategories are expected to have additional qualifications.

7. Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements (approved under OMB No. 0937-0195). Under these requirements, the community-based nongovernmental applicant must prepare and submit a Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS). The PHSIS is intended to provide information to State and local health officials to keep them apprised of proposed health services grant applications submitted by community-based nongovernmental organizations within their jurisdictions.

Community-based nongovernmental applicants are required to submit the following information to the head of the appropriate State and local health agencies in the area(s) to be impacted no later than the Federal application receipt due date:

- (a) A copy of the face page of the application (PHS-398, for Research; PHS-6025-1, for Training).
- (b) A summary of the project (PHSIS), not to exceed one page, which provides:
 - (1) A description of the population to be served.
 - (2) A summary of the services to be provided.
 - (3) A description of the coordination planned with the appropriate State and local health agencies.

The project abstract may be used in lieu of the one-page PHSIS, if the applicant is required to submit a PHSIS.

8. Executive Order 12372

The MCH Federal set-aside program has been determined to be a program which is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 concerning intergovernmental review of Federal programs.

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.110.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Ciro V. Sumaya,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

[Docket No. FR-4002-N-02]

NOFA for Emergency Shelter Grants Set-Aside for Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages; Extension of Application Deadline

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability; extension of application deadline.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the application deadline for the Fiscal Year (FY) 1996 NOFA for the Emergency Shelter Grants Set-Aside for Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages, published in the Federal Register on March 5, 1996 (61 FR 8824). This notice establishes the application deadline to be April 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Applicants may contact the appropriate Office of Native American Programs (ONAPs) for further information. Appendix 2 to the March 5, 1996 NOFA (61 FR 8829) contains a complete list of these offices with their addresses and telephone numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fiscal Year (FY) 1996 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Emergency Shelter Grants Set-Aside for Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages was published in the Federal Register on March 5, 1996 (61 FR 8824). The NOFA established April 19, 1996 as the application deadline. However, in order to provide potential applicants adequate time to prepare their applications, this notice establishes that the application deadline is extended to April 26, 1996. All other instructions in the FY 1996 NOFA with regard to submitting applications remain in effect.

Accordingly, FR Doc. 96-5081, the NOFA for the Emergency Shelter Grants Set-Aside for Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages, published in the Federal Register on March 5, 1996 (61 FR 8824), is amended as follows:

1. On page 8824, in column 1, the section under the heading **DATES** is amended to read as follows: