

other mental health emergency services as a consequence of national disasters; (13) collaborates with the alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health Institutes of the National Institutes of Health on services research issues as well as on other programmatic issues; (14) promotes the development, dissemination, and application of standards and best practices; and (15) provides a focus for addressing the mental health needs of individuals with multiple, co-occurring drug, alcohol, mental, and physical problems.

G. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (MT). The principal function of the Center is to provide national leadership for the Federal effort to enhance approaches and provide resources to ensure provision of services' programs focusing on the treatment of substance abuse and co-occurring physical and/or psychiatric conditions. In carrying out this responsibility, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: (1) collaborates with States, communities, health care providers and national organizations to upgrade the quality of addiction treatment, to improve the effectiveness of substance abuse treatment programs, and to provide resources to ensure provision of services; (2) provides a focus for addressing the treatment needs of individuals with multiple, co-occurring drug, alcohol, mental, and physical and co-morbidity problems; (3) administers grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements which support the development and application of new knowledge in the substance abuse treatment field; (4) coordinates the evaluation of the Center's programs; (5) collaborates with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the States to promote development, dissemination, and application of treatment outcome standards; (6) collaborates with the Office of the Administrator and other SAMHSA components in treatment data collection; (7) administers programs for training of health and allied health care providers (8) administers the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program including compliance reviews, technical assistance to States, Territories, and Indian Tribes, and application and reporting requirements related to the block grant programs; (9) conducts managed care activities and coordinates these activities with SAMHSA and other DHHS components; (10) collaborates with alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health Institutes of National Institutes of Health on services research issues as well as on other programmatic issues.

Section M-30, Order of Succession. During the absence or disability of the

Administrator, SAMHSA, or in the event of a vacancy in that office, the first official listed below would perform the duties of the Administrator, except that during a planned period of absence, the Administrator may specify a different order of succession: (1) Deputy Administrator; and (2) Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

Section M-40, Delegations of Authority. All delegations and redelegations of authority to officers and employees of SAMHSA which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization shall continue in effect pending further redelegation, providing they are consistent with this reorganization.

These organizational changes are effective June 10, 1996.

Dated: June 10, 1996.

Nelba Chavez,
Administrator.

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Administration on Aging

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Clearance

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

The Administration on Aging (AoA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (Public Law 96-511):

Title of Information Collection: State Performance Report (SPR): Reporting Requirements for Titles III and VII of the Older Americans Act;

Type of Request: Extension and Revision;

Use: To revise an existing information collection form to conform to amendments to the Older Americans Act which directed the Administration on Aging to improve State reporting requirements;

Frequency: Annually;

Respondents: State Agencies on Aging;

Estimated Number of Responses: 57;

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 300,000.

Additional Information or Comments: The Administration on Aging intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget for approval a new reporting system for the State programs under the Older Americans Act. AoA printed a similar set of reporting specifications in the Federal Register on February 13,

1996 requesting a two year phase-in of the reporting requirements starting in FY 1996. Most of the 15 respondents support implementation of the SPR. However 5 raised cost considerations in light of dwindling resources for services to the elderly. While one respondent objected to a requirement to collect information on the nutritional status of congregate meals clients, 5 other respondents strongly advocate that the information be collected. The remaining comments relate to technical changes which have been made and to administrative issues which AoA will address through training and operational adjustments. Call the Administration on Aging, Office of State and Community Programs at (202) 619-0011 for copies of the proposed reporting requirements. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection requirements should be sent within 30 days of the publication of this notice directly to the following address: OMB Reports Management Branch, attention: Allison Eydtt, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 6, 1996.

William F. Benson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs and Elder Rights.

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Public Comment Regarding Proposed Guidance on the Use of Medical Food and Food for Special Dietary Uses in Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

The Administration on Aging (AoA), Department of Health and Human Services, is requesting public comment on a proposed Program Instruction regarding the use of medical food and food for special dietary uses in Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs.

Type of Request: Public comment.

Use: To inform the Administration on Aging decision making process regarding the use of medical food and food for special dietary uses in Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs.

Additional Information or Comments: The proposed Program Instruction provides guidance regarding the appropriate use and federal funding of medical food and food for special dietary uses in Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Programs for States, Tribes and Area Agencies on Aging.