

possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing on this question must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 29, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480:

1. *Norwest Corporation*, Minneapolis, Minnesota; to engage *de novo*, as a joint venture, through its subsidiary, Central Federal Mortgage Company, State College, Pennsylvania, in residential mortgage lending business, pursuant to § 225.25(b)(1) of the Board's Regulation Y. The co-venturers will be Norwest Ventures, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota and Centre Professionals, Inc. d/b/a RE/MAX Centre Realty, State College, Pennsylvania.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 8, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson

Deputy Secretary of the Board

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

ACTION: Emergency clearance notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research's (AHCPR) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate two expired information collection projects as one: Formerly the 1987 Health Insurance Plans Survey (HIPS) and the 1994 National Employer Health Insurance Survey (NEHIS), now to be combined in the 1997 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey—Insurance Component (MEPS-IC). In accordance with the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D)), AHCPR invites the public to comment on this reinstatement.

In further compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)(1)(A)(i)), AHCPR has submitted to the OMB a request for Emergency Review. This review is requested because collection of this information is needed prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR 1320.13, in order to allow for the information collection project: Pretest for the 1997 Medical Expenditure Survey—Insurance Component (MEPS-IC).

The pretest was somewhat delayed as the Department worked to achieve efficiencies by consolidating the two previous surveys under DHHS's Survey Integration Plan. The pretest is now underway and it is urgent that it not be interrupted in order to assure the quality and integrity of the pretest data. The MEPS-IC is scheduled to begin in April 1997 when employers have information readily available on health plans, which are generally offered and processed on an annual basis. Delays in the pretest results will cause resulting delays in the overall MEPS-IC survey, which is the only national level effort to collect information on the supply of private health insurance available to American workers, including annual premium expenditures, benefits paid, and administrative costs for national health accounts, maintained by HCFA. This information, along with that from the larger MEPS-Household Component, is important for evaluating current and proposed health policies by both the private and public sectors.

DATES: AHCPR is requesting that OMB provide a 2-day review and a 90-day approval. During this 90-day period AHCPR will publish a separate Federal Register notice to provide a 30-day public review and comment period on these requirements.

ADDRESSES: Written comments for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 2 working days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer at the following address: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, D.C. 20503.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth A. Celtnieks, AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-1406, ext. 1497.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: AHCPR intends to conduct a survey of establishments in 1997 to collect information from employers concerning employer-sponsored health insurance. This survey will be an integration of two previous surveys, now components of MEPS-IC. The two surveys which collected similar information are:

1. The 1987 Health Insurance Plans Survey sponsored by AHCPR's predecessor, the National Center for Health Services Research; and
2. The 1994 National Employer Health Insurance Survey sponsored by AHCPR, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). Due to the integration of these two previous survey operations into the MEPS-IC, AHCPR is updating the questionnaire and data collection methodology. A data collection pretest is being proposed using a sample of potential respondents. Based upon the results of this test, the AHCPR will develop and refine the final methodology for the 1997 MEPS-IC.

Burden Estimates Follow:

Number of Respondents—350.

Number of Surveys per Respondent—

1. Average Burden/Respondent—.75 Hours.

Estimated Total Burden—263 Hours.

Copies of these data collection plans and instruments can be obtained from the AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer (see above).

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Clifton R. Gaus,
Administrator.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Meeting

Name: Review of proposed protocol for the study: "A Cohort Mortality Study with a Nested Case-control Study of Lung Cancer and Diesel Exhaust Among Non-metal Miners."

Time and date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., November 8, 1996.

Place: National Cancer Institute (NCI), Conference Room H, Executive Plaza North, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20892.

Status: Open to the public for observation and participation, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to obtain comments and guidance