

schedules, and usual, customary, and prevailing costs, which exist currently; *Frequency*: Annually; *Affected Public*: Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 11,300; *Total Annual Responses*: 11,300; *Total Annual Hours*: 6385.

3. HCFA-841-853 *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier, Certificate of Medical Necessity; *Form Nos.*: HCFA-841-853 (formerly HCFA-R-182); *Use*: A Certificate of Medical Necessity is a standardized format used to communicate information provided by an attending physician and a supplier of medical equipment and supplies. The information is used by carriers to determine the medical necessity of an item or service covered by the Medicare program and being used for the treatment of the Medicare beneficiary's condition. The CMNs being submitted for OMB review are necessary in order for HCFA to determine the medical necessity of the item or service. The information needed to make this determination requires application of medical judgment that can only be provided by a physician or other clinician who is familiar with the condition of the beneficiary; *Frequency*: On Occasion; *Affected Public*: Suppliers and physicians, business or other for-profit, federal government; *Number of Respondents*: 140,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 6.8 million; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 1.7 million.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov>, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Attention: John Burke, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection*: ICR in the Hospice Care Regulation for 42 CFR@418.22, 418.24, 418.28, 418.56(b), 418.56(e)(1), 418.56(e)(3), 418.58, 418.70(d), 418.70(e), 418.74, 418.83, 418.96(b) and 418.100(b); *Form No.*: HCFA-R-30; *Use*: The HCFA-R-30 establishes standards for hospices who wish to participate in the Medicare program. The regulations establish standards for eligibility, reimbursement standards and procedures, and delineate conditions that hospices must meet to be approved for participation in Medicare. *Frequency*: On occasion; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 1,927; *Total Annual Responses*: 1,927; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 3,977,762.

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forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance 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.

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Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Standard Needs Assessment Protocol for the National AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program—New—The National AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program is a network of fifteen regional centers with more than 75 local performance sites that conduct targeted multidisciplinary HIV education and training programs for health care providers. AETCs are required, as a condition of award, to conduct periodic assessments of the learning needs of health care providers in their catchment areas, before designing the training programs they intend to offer. The AETC program has developed a national learning needs assessment tool and protocol, which has been field tested and is now available for use by all fifteen AETCs. The survey instruments will be sent to a random sample of approximately 35,418 health care