Health Care Financing Administration

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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 (DHHS), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following request for Emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 C.F.R., Part 1320. The collection of HEDIS 3.0 performance measures, including the Health of Seniors and Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study surveys is necessary for HCFA to obtain the information necessary for the proper oversight and administration of the Medicare Managed Care Program. The Agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because public harm is likely to result due to the delay in reporting of health care quality measures. If emergency clearance is not provided HCFA will be forced to postpone the collection of this data for eighteen months due to the timing of contract cycles.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by 12/31/96, with a 180-day approval period. During this 180-day period HCFA will publish a separate Federal Register notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. Then HCFA will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

Type of Information Request: New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* HEDIS 3.0 (Health Plan Data and Information Set), including the Health of Seniors and Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study (CAHPS) surveys and supporting regulations 42 CFR 417.470, and 42 CFR 417.126; *Form Number:* HCFA–R–200; *Use:* HEDIS will be used for 3 purposes: (1) to provide summary comparative data to the Medicare beneficiary to assist them in choosing among health plans; (2) to provide information to health plans for internal quality improvement activity; and (3) to provide HCFA, as purchaser, information useful for monitoring quality of and access to care provided by the plans; *Frequency:* annually; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, non-profit and for profit HMOs which contract with HCFA to provide managed health care to Medicare beneficiaries; *Number of Respondents:* 438,674; *Total Annual Responses:* 438,674 *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 671,000.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1325. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent by 12/31/96 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: December 17, 1996.

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National Institutes of Health

National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Meeting of the National Advisory Research Resources Council and Its Planning Subcommittee

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Advisory Research Resources Council (NARRC), National Center for Research Resources (NCRR). This meeting will be open to the public as indicated below. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

This meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92–463, for the review, discussion and evaluation of individual grant applications. The applications and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Ms. Maureen Mylander, Public Affairs Officer, NCRR, National Institutes of Health, 1 Rockledge Center, Room 5146, 6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7965, Bethesda, Maryland 20892–7965, (301) 435–0888, will provide a summary of the meeting and a roster of the members upon request. Other information pertaining to the meeting can be obtained from the Executive Secretary indicated. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: The Subcommittee on Planning of the National Advisory Research Resources Council.

Place of Meeting: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Conference Room 3B41, Building 31B, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Open: February 6, 7:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

Purpose/Agenda: To discuss policy issues.

Name of Committee: National Advisory Research Resources Council.

Place of Meeting: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Conference Room 6, Building 31C, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Open: February 6, 9 a.m. until recess.

Closed: February 7, 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Open: February 7, 11 a.m. until adjournment.

Purpose/Agenda: Report of Center Director and other issues related to Council business.

Executive Secretary: Louise Ramm, Ph.D., Deputy Director, National Center for Research Resources, Building 12A, Room 4011, Bethesda, MD 20892, Telephone: (301) 496–6023.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Laboratory Animal Sciences and Primate Research; 93.333, Clinical Research; 93.337, Biomedical Research Support; 93.371, Biomedical Research Technology; 93.389, Research Centers in Minority Institutions; 93.198, Biological Models and Materials Research; 93.167, Research Facilities Improvement Program; 93.214, Extramural Research Facilities Construction Projects, National Institutes of Health.)

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Paula N. Hayes,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Meeting of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council, February 6–7, 1997, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Maryland.

The Council meeting will be open to the public on February 6 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. for discussion of program policies and issues. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.