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Health Care Financing Administration
[HCFA–R–187]

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: Extension of a currently
approved collection; Title of Information Collection: National
Provider System (NPS); Form No.: HCFA–R–187; Use: HHS is
consolidating provider enumeration across programs. The NPS will be used
in program operations and management to assign provider identification
numbers, i.e., billing numbers for claims
processing and payment. It will replace the current Medicare Physician and
eligibility System (MPIES) and UPIN; it
will replace the enumeration functions of the Medicare OSCAR, CLIA, and NSC
provider numbering systems.

Number of Respondents: 88; Total
Annual Hours: 23,000.

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/regs/prdact95.htm, 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 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.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

Edwin J. Glatzel,
Director, Management Analysis and Planning
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Medicaid Bureau; Statement of
Organization, Functions, and
Delegations of Authority

Part F of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and
Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human
Services, Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), (Federal
Register, Vol. 59, No. 60, pp. 14628–
14662, dated Tuesday, March 29, 1994,
and Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 132,
pg. 35528, dated Tuesday, July 12, 1994)
is amended to reflect changes to the
subordinate structure within HCFA’s
Medicaid Bureau.
The Medicaid Bureau is streamlining
their organization by abolishing its
current substructure and creating a new
organization comprised of six offices
with no subordinate levels. The offices
are functionally grouped to support
services provided to specific Medicaid
Bureau customers. Within the new
structure operational and policy
functions are no longer separated but
are combined in each office.
The specific amendments to Part F are
described below:

• Section F.10.A.S. (Organization) is
amended to read as follows:
5. Medicaid Bureau (FAB)
a. Office of Long Term Care Services
(FAB4)
b. Office of Medical Services (FAB5)
c. Office of Benefit Services (FAB6)
d. Office of Financial Services (FAB7)
e. Office of Information Systems and
Data Analysis (FAB8)
f. Office of Program and
Organizational Services (FAB9)

• Section F.20.A.S. (Functions) is
amended to read as follows:

a. Office of Long Term Care Services
(FAB4)

• Formulates, evaluates, and prepares
policies, specifications for regulations,
instructions, preprints, and procedures
related to Medicaid payment and
coverage policy for continuing and long-
term care.

• Provides oversight of planning,
development, implementation, and
monitoring of Medicaid program
operations in regional offices and State
Medicaid agencies related to the
provision and payment for continuing
and long-term care, both institutional
and non-institutional.

• Reviews State Plan Amendments
related to continuing and long-term
care, provides consultation to regional
offices, and makes recommendations for
approval and disapproval.

• Oversees and coordinates the
assessment process for the operational
implementation of the Medicaid
program for continuing and long-term
care under State plans and home and
community-based services waivers.

• Provides ongoing policy and
operational support, in concert with the
Office of Research and Demonstrations,
for Section 1115 demonstrations in
continuing and long-term care.

• Provides authoritative
interpretation of Medicaid coverage and
payment policy for continuing and long-
term care for providers, Regional
Offices, State governments,
Congressional Staffs, other agencies of
the Federal government, interest groups
and the general public.

• Develops, evaluates, and reviews
policies and operational
implementation of the entire range of
continuing and long-term care services
under Medicaid including all
institutional and non-institutional
sources of care, including: home and
community-based services including
waivers and State plan issues, nursing
facilities, intermediate care facilities for
persons with mental retardation/
developmental disabilities, psychiatric
services for persons under age 21,
hospice, home health, personal care,
private duty nursing, habilitation,
rehabilitation, physical therapy,
occupational therapy, respiratory
therapy, speech therapy, language and
hearing services, residential treatment