

the "average cost of a health insurance policy, as determined by the Secretary."

Section 100.2 of the VICP's implementing regulations (42 CFR part 100) provides that revised amounts of an average cost of a health insurance policy, as determined by the Secretary, are to be published from time to time in a notice in the Federal Register. The previously published amount of an average cost of a health insurance policy was \$202.46 per month (60 FR 32533, June 22, 1995); this amount was based on data from a survey by the Health Insurance Association of America, updated by a formula using changes in the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (All Urban Consumers, U.S. City average) for the period July 1, 1993, through December 31, 1994.

The Secretary announces that for the 12-month period, January 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995, the medical care component of the CPI increased 3.9 percent. According to the regulatory formula (§ 100.2), 2 percent is added to the actual CPI change for each year. Therefore, the adjusted CPI change results in an increase of 5.9 percent for this 12-month period. Applied to the baseline amount of \$202.46, this results in the amount of \$214.41.

The medical care component of the CPI change for the 6-month period, January 1, 1996, through June 30, 1996, was 1.8 percent. According to the regulatory formula, one-half of the annual adjustment, or 1.00 percent, is added to the actual CPI change for this 6-month period. Therefore, according to

the current regulatory formula, the adjusted CPI change results in an increase of 2.8 percent for this 6-month period. Applied to the \$214.41 amount, this results in a new amount of \$220.41.

Therefore, the Secretary announces that the revised average cost of a health insurance policy under the VICP is \$220.41 per month. In accordance with § 100.2, the revised amount was effective upon its delivery by the Secretary to the United States Court of Federal Claims (formerly known as the United States Claims Court). Such notice was delivered to the Court on December 13, 1996.

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Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.
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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and

instruments, the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-8005.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Access to Community Care and Effective Services and Supports (ACCESS) evaluation study—Revision—The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will seek OMB approval to continue an evaluation study that is assessing service systems integration (SI) approaches for homeless persons with serious mental illnesses. The evaluation study will collect data through interviews with homeless persons with serious mental illness and providers of services to homeless persons. SI sites will be contrasted with comparison sites to assess the impact of SI. The evaluation will describe approaches to SI, processes by which SI takes place, factors that influence SI, and the impact that SI has on homeless persons with serious mental illness. The estimated annualized burden is shown below.

	Number of respondents (5 Years)	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response	Total burden hours (5 Years)	Total annualized burden hours
Clients (homeless persons)	7,200	2.6	.98	18,702	3,742
Service providers	1,159	111.6	.11	13,587	2,717

Send comments to Beatrice Rouse, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Richard Kopanda,
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Proposed Project: The Annual Census of Patient Characteristics in State and County Mental Hospital Inpatient Services—Revision—The Census is a