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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Form FCS-654, WIC Annual Participation Report

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection, the WIC Annual Participation Report.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Patricia N. Daniels, Acting Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval, and will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instructions should be directed to: Patricia N. Daniels, (703) 305-2749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: WIC Annual Participation Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0347.

Expiration Date: 8-31-97.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection Form.

Abstract: Section 17(f)(1)(C)(vii) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA)(42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(1)(C)(vii)) provides that each State agency's plan of operation and administration shall include "a plan for reaching and enrolling eligible women in the early months of pregnancy, including provisions to reach and enroll eligible migrants." Related requirements reflecting the need to target program benefits to individuals who are most at risk are found in sections 17(f)(1)(D)(7)(C) and 17(g)(4) of the CNA. Section 17(f)(1)(D)(7)(C) provides that information concerning the availability of program benefits shall be distributed "in a manner designed to provide the information to potentially eligible individuals who are most in need of the benefits, including pregnant women in the early months of pregnancy." Additionally, section 17(g)(4) of the CNA provides "[o]f the sums appropriated for any fiscal year for programs authorized under this section, not less than nine-tenths of 1 percent shall be available first for services to eligible members of migrants populations." WIC State agencies report their annual average participation by priority group (see 7 CFR 246.25(b)(2)) and their annual average migrant participation on the WIC Annual Participation Report to document that program benefits are targeted to persons eligible for the highest priority groups and to document service to migrant populations. FCS uses this data to monitor targeting success and to allocate funds to States; States use this data to monitor targeting success and to allocate caseload slots to local agencies.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and

completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Directors or Administrators of WIC State and local agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2088 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2088 hours.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Form FCS-498, WIC Monthly Financial Management and Participation Report

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection, the WIC Monthly Financial Management and Participation Report.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: