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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection:

Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

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

Deferment Request Form for NHSC and NHH Scholarship Programs (OMB NO. 0915-0179) Extension, No Change

We are requesting an extension of the OMB clearance for the Deferment Request Form and associated reporting requirements for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program and the Native Hawaiian Health (NHH) Scholarship Program. The NHSC/NHH Scholarship Programs are authorized by Sections 338A and Sections 338K of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. The requirements for obligated service, found in Section 338C of the PHS Act, include provisions for deferment of the service obligation under certain circumstances (42 USC 254m(b)(5)).

Under these programs, allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, and, if needed by the NHSC or NHH program, students of other health professions (including mental health professionals) are offered the opportunity to enter into a contractual agreement with the Secretary under which the Public

Health Service agrees to pay the total school tuition, required fees and a stipend for living expenses. In exchange, the scholarship recipient agrees to provide full-time clinical services at a site in a federally designated Health Professions Shortage Areas (HPSA) of the United States. NHH scholarship recipients must be native Hawaiians and are assigned to sites in Hawaii. The minimum service obligation is 2 years.

Once scholarship recipients have completed their academic requirements, the law requires that selected types of recipients be allowed to defer their service obligation in order to complete an approved internship, residency, or other advanced clinical training.

The Deferment Request Form provides the information necessary for considering the period and type of training for which deferment of the service obligation will be approved for physicians and dentists.

In addition, these programs have two other reporting requirements for which no forms have been developed, including: (1) Individuals who are in a deferment status are required to submit requests in writing for modifications to the deferment (e.g., extension of deferment or change of residency programs); and (2) Dentists, who can either begin their service obligation immediately after graduation or can be deferred for up to three years, are required and to notify the program in writing of their *intent* to request deferment.

The estimated burden on respondents is as follows:

Type of report	Number of respondents	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Deferment Form	600	.5	300
Requests for Change of Deferment and Letters of Intent	100	.5	50
Total	700	350

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this Notice.

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Jane Harrison,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of Listing of Members of the Health Resources and Services Administration's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board (PRB)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the persons who will serve on the Health Resources and Services Administration's Performance Review

Board. This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., Section 4313 (c) (4), which requires that members of the performance review boards be appointed in a manner to ensure consistency, stability, and objectivity in performance appraisals, and requires that notice of the appointment of an individual to serve as a member be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following persons will serve on the HRSA PRB, which oversees the evaluation of performance appraisals of HRSA's Senior Executive Service (SES) members: Thomas G. Morford, Chairperson, William A. Robinson, Neil