

submission of medical documentation mandatory rather than optional.

The estimate of burden for the Physician's Certification form is as follows:

| Type of respondent | Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Number of responses | Hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Borrower | 100 | 1 | 100 | 5 min | 8 |
| Physician | 100 | 1 | 100 | 30 min | 50 |
| Loan Holder | 32 | 3.1 | 100 | 10 min | 17 |
| Total | 232 | | 300 | | 75 |

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,

Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Application (OMB No. 0915-0140)

Extension and Revision—This is a request for extension and revision of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the application form for the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP). The NELRP is authorized by 42 U.S.C. 297(n) (section 846 of the Public Health Service Act).

Under the NELRP, registered nurses are offered the opportunity to enter into a contractual agreement with the Secretary, under which the Public Health Service agrees to repay the nurses' indebtedness for nursing education. In exchange, the nurses agree to serve for a specified period of time in certain types of health facilities identified in the statute.

Nurse educational loan repayment contracts will be approved by the Secretary for eligible nurses who have incurred previous monetary indebtedness by accepting a loan for nursing education costs from a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, insurance company, Government agency or program, school, or other lender that meets NELRP criteria.

Approval is requested for the application form. The application form requires information from two types of respondents:

a. Applicants must provide information on the proposed service site and on all nursing education loans for which reimbursement is requested, and

b. Lenders must provide information on loan status for all loans accepted for repayment.

Two items are being added to the application form: race/ethnicity of the applicant (for statistical purposes only); and citizenship status. The estimates of average burden to complete the forms remains the same. Burden estimates are as follows:

| Form/Regulatory requirement | Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Hours per response | Total burden hours |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| NELRP Application | 2,200 | 1 | 1 | 2,200 |
| Loan Verification Form | *50 | 1 | .25 | 13 |
| Total | 2,250 | | | 2,213 |

* The remainder of the loans are verified through credit reports.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent on or before December 29, 1997 to: Laura Oliven, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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