

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Care Financing Administration**

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**Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, part 1320. We are requesting emergency clearance so that we can meet the requirements under the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) (section 4421(j)(2)(A)) which requires implementation of a prospective payment system with case mix groups for inpatient rehabilitation hospitals by October 1, 2000.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by 03/10/98, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by 03/09/98. During this 180-day period, we will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and

public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

*Type of Information Request:* New collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Development of an Assessment System for Post Acute Care.

*Form Number:* HCFA-R-229 (OMB approval #: 0938-NEW).

*Use:* The Minimum Data Set-Post Acute Care (MDS-PAC) will be used to establish patient case mix groups including classes of patients in the rehabilitation facility for the payment system. It will also provide data and seek input from the rehabilitation industry for HCFA to formulate policy and promulgate regulations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,465.

*Total Annual Responses:* 10,465.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 23,301.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, and HCFA form number(s) referenced above, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by 03/09/98:

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Office of Information Services,  
Information Technology Investment  
Management Group, Division of  
HCFA Enterprise Standards, Room  
C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard,  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, Fax  
Number: (410) 786-1415, Attn: John  
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and

Office of Information and Regulatory  
Affairs, Office of Management and  
Budget, Room 10235, New Executive  
Office Building, Washington, DC  
20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974  
or (202) 395-5167, Attn: Allison  
Herron Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

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Office of Information Services, Information  
Technology Investment Management Group,  
Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.*

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this 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:* Procedures for Advisory Opinions Concerning Physician Referrals and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 411.370 through 411.389; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-216 (OMB# 0938-0714); *Use:* Section 4314 of Public Law 105-33, in establishing section 1877(g)(6) of the Act, requires the Department to provide advisory opinions to the public regarding whether a physician's referrals for certain designated health services are prohibited under the other provisions in section 1877 of the Act. These regulations provide the procedures under which members of the public may request advisory opinions from HCFA. Because all requests for advisory opinions are purely voluntary, respondents will only be required to