

<sup>11</sup> Each regional lipectomy shall carry a separate charge. Regions include head and neck, abdomen, flanks, and hips.

<sup>12</sup> These procedures are inclusive in the minor skin lesions. However, CHAMPUS separates them as noted here. All charges shall be for the entire treatment, regardless of the number of visits required.

<sup>13</sup> Dental service rates are based on a dental rate multiplier times the American Dental Association (ADA) code and the DoD established weight for that code.

<sup>14</sup> Ambulance charges shall be based on hours of service in 15 minute increments. The rates listed in Section III.I are for 60 minutes or 1 hour of service. Providers shall calculate the charges based on the number of

hours (and/or fractions of an hour) that the ambulance is logged out on a patient run. Fractions of an hour shall be rounded to the next 15 minute increment (e.g., 31 minutes shall be charged as 45 minutes).

<sup>15</sup> Air in-flight medical care reimbursement charges are determined by the status of the patient (ambulatory or litter) and are per patient. The appropriate charges are billed only by the Air Force Global Patient Movement Requirement Center (GPMRC).

<sup>16</sup> Observation Services are billed at either the hourly or daily charge. Begin counting when the patient is placed in the observation bed, and round to the nearest hour. The daily rate for full/third party, for example, would be \$660 based on 24 hours of service. If a

patient status changes to inpatient, the charges for observation services are added to the DRG assigned to the case and not billed separately. If a patient is released from Observation status and is sent to an APV, the charges for Observation services are not billed separately, but are added to the APV rate in order to recover all expenses.

**1. Department of Health and Human Services**

For the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, effective October 1, 1998 and thereafter:

Hospital Care Inpatient Day

General Medical Care:

Alaska .....	\$1,798
Rest of the United States .....	1,049

Outpatient Medical Treatment

Outpatient Visit:

Alaska .....	\$360
Rest of the United States .....	210

For the period beginning October 1, 1998, the rates prescribed herein superseded those established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget October 31, 1997 (61 FR 56360).

**Jacob Lew,**

*Director, Office of Management and Budget.*  
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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Clearance of a Revised Information Collection: SF 3104 and SF 3104B**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised information collection. SF 3104, Application for Death Benefits/Federal Employees Retirement System, is used to apply for death benefits under the Federal Employees Retirement System based on the death of an employee, former employee or retiree who was covered by FERS at the time of his/her death or separation from Federal Service. SF 3104B, Documentation and Elections in Support of Application for

Death Benefits when Deceased was an Employee at the Time of Death, is used by applicants for death benefits under FERS if the deceased was a Federal Employee at the time of death.

It is estimated that approximately 4,873 SF 3104s are expected to be processed annually. This form requires approximately 60 minutes to complete. An annual burden of 4,873 hours is estimated. Approximately 3,188 SF 3104Bs are expected to be processed annually. It is estimated that the form requires approximately 60 minutes to complete. An annual burden of 3,188 hours is estimated. The total annual burden is 8,061.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received on or before November 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—John C. Crawford, Chief, FERS Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3313, Washington, DC 20415, and Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management & Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:** Donna G. Lease, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request Investigations Forms 41-44**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Title 44, U. S. Code, Chapter 35), this notice announces that OPM has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of four information collections and solicits comments on them. OPM uses these form to request information by mail for use in OPM investigations.

These investigations are conducted to determine suitability for Federal employment and/or the ability to hold a security clearance as prescribed in Executive Orders 10450, 12968 and 10577 (5 CFR Part V) and 5 U.S.C. 3301.

INV Form 41, Investigative Request for Employment Data and Supervisor Information, is sent to former employers and/or supervisors.

INV Form 42, Investigative Request for Personal Information, is sent to references.