

set forth above and the recipient of compulsory process announces that the Commission has issued such process, the policy permits confirmation of such process.

Nothing in this notice shall be construed as modifying the authority of the Commission (as opposed to the Commission's staff) to make appropriate disclosures concerning nonpublic investigations whenever it determines that doing so would be in the public interest. The Commission will continue to keep confidential, as appropriate under its existing laws and policies, nonpublic information submitted to the agency.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-R-257]

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.

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Medicare+Choice Disenrollment Form.

Form Nos.: HCFA-R-257 (OMB# 0938-0741).

Use: The primary purpose of the form is to receive and process the beneficiary's request for disenrollment from a Medicare+Choice plan and to return to original (fee-for-service) Medicare. The secondary purpose of the new form is to obtain the reason for the disenrollment, for analysis and reporting.

Frequency: As requested by beneficiary;

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal government;

Number of Respondents: 60,000 annually;

Total Annual Responses: 20,000 in first year, 60,000 thereafter;

Total Annual Hours: 3,960.

(2) *Type of Information Collection*

Request: Revision of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Information Collection Requirements in HSQ-108-F Assumption of Responsibilities and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 412.44, 412.46, 431.630, 456.654, 466.71, 466.73, 466.74, and 466.78;

Form No.: HCFA-R-0071 (OMB# 0938-0445);

Use: This purpose of this collection is to create the Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization (PRO) program which replaces the Professional Standards Review Organization (PSRO) program and streamlines peer review activities. This rule outlines the review functions to be performed by the PRO and outlines the relationships among PROs, providers, practitioners, beneficiaries, fiscal intermediaries, and carriers.

Frequency: Other, as needed;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 53;

Total Annual Responses: 880;

Total Annual Hours: 46,653.

(3) *Type of Information Collection*

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Sole Community Home Health Agencies (HHA) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Section 424.22;

Form No.: HCFA-R-0085 (OMB# 0938-0489);

Use: These regulations implement the rules for participation of HHAs in Medicare and the establishment and review of plans of care for home health services. These regulations make it easier for certain HHAs to meet certification and plan of care requirements.

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 20;

Total Annual Responses: 20;

Total Annual Hours: 40.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: November 15, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institutes of Health Clinical Center (NIHCC); Opportunity for Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) in the Fields of Rehabilitation Medicine and Speech-Language Pathology Using Ultrasound Imaging or Similar Technology

AGENCY: Rehabilitation Medicine Department, NIHCC, NIH, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Speech-Language Pathology Section, of the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center (NIHCC), seeks a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with one or more collaborators in the ultrasound imaging or related technology fields. The purpose of the collaboration will be to develop a method to examine the movements of the oral pharynx including the tongue base, pharynx, and soft palate during