

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Care Financing Administration**

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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:* State Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) Sampling Plan and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 431.800-431.865; *Form No.:* HCFA-317 (OMB# 0938-0146); *Use:* MEQC is operated by the State Title XIX agency to monitor and improve the administration of its Medicaid system. The MEQC system is based on monthly State reviews of Medicaid cases identified through statistically reliable statewide samples of cases selected from the eligibility files. These reviews are conducted to determine whether or not the sampled cases meet applicable State Title XIX eligibility requirements. The reviews are also used to assess beneficiary liability, if any, and to determine the amounts paid to provide Medicaid services for these cases; *Frequency:* Semi-annually; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 55; *Total Annual Responses:* 110; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,640.

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/prduct95.htm, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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

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We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection 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. Due to the unanticipated event and the fact that this 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 an emergency review.

The purpose of this submission is to request approval to collect information from Internet users as they exit from any of three web sites of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov), [4woman.gov](http://4woman.gov), and [healthfinder.gov](http://healthfinder.gov), which are respectively provided by the Health Care Financing Administration, the Office of Women's Health and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP). The latter two agencies are within the DHHS Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS). Obtaining feedback from users of these web sites is critical for these three agencies so that the agencies can continually revise the sites to respond to the needs of the public. As part of the effort to decide how these web sites can serve the public best, we request approval from OMB of "bounceback" forms. Internet users will fill out a bounceback form after visiting any of the web sites. They will compile and study the results of the forms so that the needs and preferences of the people who use the web sites guide future revisions to the web sites.

The present request is for OMB authorization to collect data on the reactions of users of all three federally mandated web sites. We will use the data to improve the web sites so that can best serve the needs of the users. The designers of [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov) will introduce changes to their site at various times in 1999. The Surgeon General recently announced the [4woman.gov](http://4woman.gov) web site on November 16, 1998. They will update and enhance the site often in the immediate future. The designers of the [healthfinder.gov](http://healthfinder.gov) web site are preparing new sections, functionality, and updates for release March 18, 1999. They request expedited review of this submission so that pending enhancements and updates incorporate information collected from users. With an expedited review, the staff of these web sites will have findings in sufficient time to guide the revisions planned for the sites. Without receiving feedback from users of these sites, the developers of the sites would have little information from the perspective of actual users to guide the changes. Besides the need for having feedback to carry out anticipated changes in the web sites, each of the three World Wide Web