

the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0375. The approval expires on December 31, 2001.

Dated: January 6, 1999.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy
Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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 Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Call-Back Survey of Callers to the Medicare+Choice Toll-free Line.

Form Number: HCFA-R-253 (OMB approval #: 0938-0737).

Use: The primary purpose of the call-back survey is to obtain information from callers about their satisfaction with the Medicare+Choice toll-free line. This information will be used to identify problems and make recommendations for ways of improving the service

provided through the Medicare+Choice toll-free line.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 1,050.

Total Annual Responses: 1,050.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 175 hours.

(2) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Medicare & You Bounce Back Survey Form.

Form No.: HCFA-R-251 (OMB# 0938-0740).

Use: The primary purpose of the bounce back form is to provide HCFA feedback from users of the Medicare+Choice handbook. The information collected through the bounce back form will be used in conjunction with other information collected in the States piloting Medicare & You to make revisions for future publications of the Medicare & You, Medicare+Choice handbook.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Businesses or other For-profit.

Number of Respondents: 9,855.

Total Annual Responses: 9,855.

Total Annual Hours: 986.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 and phone number, 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 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA,
Office of Information Services, Security and
Standards Group, Division of HCFA
Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Evaluation of the National Leadership Institute Program and Services—New—The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) intends to conduct an evaluation of its National Leadership Institute (NLI). The goal underlying the technical assistance and training opportunities provided through the NLI is to strengthen the competitive position and power of nonprofit "community-based organizations" (CBOs) which are essential components of local services for the uninsured and under-insured.

The NLI gathers, adapts, and disseminates the best available knowledge about business management for nonprofit agencies, including competitive bidding, strategic development and business planning, cultural competency, team building and change management, and Management Information Systems. Participants in the NLI technical assistance programs are self-identified and participate in either short- or long-term technical assistance (TA). Short-term TA includes 2 on-site TA visits, 1 training event, 1 group

technical assistance activity, and up to 5 resource packages. Long-term TA includes up to 4 on-site TA visits, up to 3 training events, 2 group TA activities, and up to 10 resource packages. Training efforts are also conducted by the NLI, using curricula developed by and administered by the NLI.

Both a process and an impact evaluation will be conducted. The process evaluation will describe the needs faced by CBOs, the types of training and technical assistance that CBOs receive through the NLI, and CBO satisfaction with services. The impact evaluation will focus on specific changes made by CBOs in response to NLI recommendations, and improvements in self-rated organizational performance and several organizational status measures.

Analysis of this information will assist CSAT in documenting the numbers and types of participants accessing these services, and describing the extent to which participants improve in their knowledge, skill, and ability to manage their organizations in this changing business environment. This type of information is crucial to support CSAT in complying with GPRA reporting requirements and will inform future development of technical assistance activities.

The evaluation design for technical assistance participants will be a pre-post design that collects identical information at initiation of NLI contact and again after 12 months. This time frame is necessary to allow CBOs the opportunity to address NLI technical assistance recommendations and to plan and implement their changes. In addition, the evaluation will collect satisfaction measures after each technical assistance event, and both a comprehensive satisfaction summary and an activity summary at 6 and 12 months after initial NLI contact. A formal comparison group is not available, but comparisons of changes in key organization status measures can be made with similar data on changes collected from other CSAT KDA-funded grantees. These key status indicators include organization revenues, revenue per client, revenue sources, client flow, staff level, staff turnover, services provided, and major growth/expansion or contraction. In addition, these same indicators will be collected, in one interview, for several prior years to establish a pattern of change within specific CBOs.

A feature of the data collected in this evaluation is the inclusion of pre- and post-service perceptions of organizational functioning across 14

business and financial management domains. This information constitutes a self-assessment that is used in planning NLI services, and comprises the baseline against which follow-up measures of functioning will be assessed.

NLI anticipates receiving requests for assistance from 79 CBOs per year over the next 3 years, for a total of 237 programs. This includes up to 54 CBOs requiring long-term TA, and up to 25 CBOs requiring short-term TA. Data collection burden will be borne primarily by directors of the CBOs who will provide initial contact information (30 minutes), pre- and post-test versions of organizational self assessments (60 minutes), satisfaction forms (5 minutes each for 2 types of questionnaire), and activity summaries (10 minutes). Moreover, up to 10 focus groups will be held with staff representatives from 3 to 6 CBOs per focus group.

Discussions will be held with staff representatives from CBOs receiving NLI services. An estimated 54 staff representatives will be contacted each year. Each focus group will have approximately 18 attendees. Finally, an estimated 475 attendees at training events per year will also receive a brief satisfaction questionnaire. The chart below summarizes the total three-year and annualized burden for this project.

Respondent type	Number	Average responses/ respondent	Average time/ response (hours)	Total time (hours)	Annual time (hours)
CBO Directors	237	2	1.5	711	237
CBO Staff	180	1	1.5	270	90
Training participants	1,425	1	.133	190	63
Totals	1,842	1,171	390

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) National Advisory Council to be held in January 1999.

The meeting will be open and include discussion of the Center's policy issues and current administrative, legislative, and program developments. If anyone needs special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please notify the Contact listed below.

A summary of the meeting and roster of council members may be obtained from: Mrs. Marjorie Cashion, CSAT,

National Advisory Council, Rockwall II Building, Suite 619, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-8923.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

Committee Name: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: January 26, 1999—9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Place: Omni Shoreham Hotel 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Type: Open: January 26, 1999—9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Contact: Marjorie M. Cashion, Executive Secretary, Telephone: (301) 443-8923, and FAX: (301) 480-6077.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to meeting date due to a delay resulting from the need to determine whether a closed session would be required.