

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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title of Information Collection: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Resident Assessment MDS Data and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.343 and 424.32.

Form No.: HCFA-R-250 (OMB# 0938-0739).

Use: Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF's) are required to submit Resident Assessment Data as described at 42 CFR, 483.20 in the manner necessary to administer the payment rate methodology described in 42 CFR 413.337. Pursuant to sections 4204(b) and 4214(d) of OBRA 1987, the current requirements related to the submission and retention of resident assessment data for the 5th, 30th and 60th days following admission, necessary to administer the payment rate methodology described in 413.337, is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Frequency: Monthly.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 17,000.

Total Annual Responses: 204,000.

Total Annual Hours: 3,865,885.

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, DC 20503.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

John P. Burke III,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-R-85]

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, 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 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 Nos.: HCFA-R-85 (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 request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent 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: January 14, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources And Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1891.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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: The National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses, 2000—NEW

The National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) is carried out to assist in fulfilling three Congressional mandates. (1) Section 951 of P.L. 94-63 requires gathering data on: (a) The number and distribution of nurses, by type of employment and location practice; (b) the number of nurses practicing full-time and part-time within the U.S. and within each State; (c) the average rate of compensation for nurses, by type of practice and location of practice; (d) the activity status of the total number of nurses with advanced training or graduate degrees in nursing,

by specialty, including nurse practitioners, nurse clinicians, nurse researchers, nurse educators, and nurse supervisors and administrators; and (f) the number of nurses entering the U.S. annually from other nations. (2) Section 806(f) of P.L. 105-392 requires discipline workforce information and analytical activities for advanced nursing education, workforce diversity, and basic nursing education and practice. (3) Section 792 of Title VII of the Public Health Service Act calls for the collection and analysis of data on health professions.

The information from this survey will serve policy makers, legislative bodies, health professionals, and government agencies to inform workforce policies.

Data collected in this survey will assist in determining the impact that changes in the health care system are having on employment status of Registered nurses and their employment settings.

The proposed survey design for the 2000 NSSRN follows that of the previous six surveys and the projected sample size is approximately 49,200 registered nurses, with a response rate of 80%. Each respondent will be asked to complete a self-administered mail questionnaire containing items on educational background, duties, employment status and setting, geographic mobility, and income.

Respondent burden is estimated as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Survey	39,360	1	120	13,120

¹ Minutes.

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: February 4, 1999.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of March, 1999.

Name: Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV).

Date and Time: March 3, 1999; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Conference Rooms G & H, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

The meeting is open to the public.

The full Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Agenda items will include, but not be limited to: a presentation on several National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program cases, an Institute of Medicine Vaccine Safety update, an update on the National Vaccine

Program Office, and reports from the Department of Justice and routine program reports.

Public comment will be permitted before lunch and at the end of the Commission meeting on March 3, 1999. Oral presentations will be limited to 5 minutes per public speaker. Persons interested in providing an oral presentation should submit a written request, along with a copy of their presentation to: Ms. Shelia Tibbs, Committee Management Assistant, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 8A-46, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443-6593. Requests should contain the name, address, telephone number, and any business or professional affiliation of the person desiring to make an oral presentation. Groups having similar interests are requested to combine their comments and present them through a single representative. The allocation of time may be adjusted to accommodate the level of expressed interest. The Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation will notify each presenter by mail or telephone of their assigned presentation time. Persons who do not file an advance request for a presentation, but desire to make an oral statement, may sign-up in Conference Rooms G and H on March 3, 1999. These persons will be allocated time as time permits.

Anyone requiring information regarding the Commission should contact Ms. Shelia Tibbs at the above mentioned address.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Special Volunteer and Guest Researcher Assignment

SUMMARY: In Compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A), of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval

Proposed Collection: Title: Special Volunteer and Guest Researcher Assignment. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of OMB No. 0925-0177, expiration 04/30/2000. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* Form NIH-590 records, names, address, employer, education, and other information on prospective Special Volunteers and Guest Researchers, and is used by the responsible NIH approving official to determine the individual's qualifications and eligibility for such assignments. The form is the only official record of approved assignments. *Frequency of Response:* On occasion. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Guest Researcher and Special Volunteer candidates. The annual reporting burden is also as follows: *Estimated Number of*