

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS FOR SHPPS FIELD TEST, SPRING 1999

Questionnaire	Respondent	Number of respondents	Burden hours per respondent
District Health Education .....	District officials .....	9	2.00
District Physical Education and Activity .....	District officials .....	9	2.00
District Health Services .....	District officials .....	9	2.00
District Food Service .....	District officials .....	9	2.00
District Questionnaire on School Policy and Environment .....	District officials .....	9	2.50
District Mental Health and Social Services .....	District officials .....	9	2.00
District Faculty and Staff Health Promotion .....	District officials .....	9	1.00
School Questionnaire on School Policy and Environment (interview and reinterview).	Principals or designees .....	80	3.00
Health Education Classroom Teacher (interview and reinterview) .....	Health education teachers .....	80	1.60

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS ACROSS ALL SHPPS 2000 STUDY COMPONENTS

Study component	Number of respondents	Total burden hours
Main Study Data Collection, Spring 2000 .....	26,493	25,115.9
Validity/Reliability Study, Spring 2000 .....	1,536	810.4
Field Test, Spring 1999 .....	223	489.5
Total .....	28,252	26,415.8

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Announcement of Availability of Funds and Request for Applications Under the Office of Community Services' Urban and Rural Community Economic Development Program for Fiscal Year 1999**

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Community Services (OCS) announces that Application Kits for the Urban and Rural Community Economic Development Program will be available on February 26, 1999. The closing date for submission of applications will be May 12, 1999.

The purpose of the OCS Urban and Rural Community Economic Development grant is to provide financial assistance to private non-profit community development corporations (CDCs) to conduct economic development activities that provide employment and business development opportunities for low-income persons,

stimulate job creation, and revitalize communities which suffer from disinvestment and physical deterioration. Information relative to the following categories was published in the **Federal Register** Notice on December 28, 1998: Program Contact Person; Legislative Authority; Type of Awards; Project Periods and Budget Periods; Eligible Applicants and Availability of Funds, and Review Criteria.

Funds are awarded in 7 different priority areas (Operational grants, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Pre-Developmental grants; Training and technical assistance, Administrative and management expertise, Developmental grants, and Rural community development). Refer to the Application Kit for a more complete description of eligible applicants for each priority areas.

Copies of the Urban and Rural Community Economic Development Application Kit may be obtained by calling (202) 401-9354, 401-9345, or 401-1195. This application kit will be posted on the OCS Website soon after it becomes available. The OCS Website address is: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thelma Woodland (202) 401-5294.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

**Donald Sykes,**

*Director, Office of Community Services.*

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**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 Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Managed Care organization Year 2000

Continuity and Contingency Planning (BCCP) Status Report.

*Form Number:* HCFA-R-0270.

*Use:* This information is needed to determine the status of HCFA's business partners millennium readiness.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Affected Public:* Federal Government, Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 350.

*Total Annual Responses:* 4,200.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 44,450.

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](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: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

**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

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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#### *Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Medicare DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Demonstration;

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-0264, A-F;

*Use:* Section 4319 of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) mandates HCFA to implement demonstration projects under which competitive acquisition areas are established for contract award purposes for the furnishing of Part B items and services, except for physician's services. The first of these demonstration projects implements competitive bidding of categories of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS). Under the law, suppliers can receive payments from Medicare for items and services covered by the demonstration only if their bids are competitive in terms of quality and price. Each demonstration project may be conducted in up to three metropolitan areas for a three year period. Authority for the demonstration expires on December 31, 2002. The schedule for the demonstration anticipates about a six month period required between mailing the bidding forms to potential bidders and the start of payments for DMEPOS under the demonstration. HCFA intends to operate the demonstration in two rounds, the first of two years, and the second of one year. HCFA has announced that it intends to operate its first demonstration in Polk County, Florida, which is the Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Area.

There are six forms that are required for the demonstration. The first, HCFA-R-0264A, will be filled out by suppliers to describe the attributes of their organization, including quality of services and financial data. Form HCFA-R-0264B will be filled out by suppliers for each of the categories of DMEPOS for which they bid, and includes information about their supply of that category of equipment or supplies, and the prices that they bid for each item in that category. Form HCFA-

R-0264C will be used by site inspectors who gather information at the facilities of bidders. Form HCFA-R-0264D is used to gather data by telephone from referral sources of business for the bidding suppliers, form HCFA-R-0264E is used to gather data by telephone from banks and other financial institutions for financial and business references. Form HCFA-R-0264F is used by suppliers to provide data on their financial characteristics and soundness.

The competitive bidding demonstration for DMEPOS has the following objectives:

- Test the policies and implementation methods of competitive bidding to determine whether or not it should be expanded as a Medicare Program.
- Reduce the price that Medicare pays for medical equipment and supplies.
- Limit beneficiary out-of-pocket expenditures for copayments.
- Improve beneficiary access to high quality medical equipment and supplies.
- Prevent business transactions with suppliers who engage in fraudulent practices.

HCFA plans to mail the bidding package, including the referenced forms A and B, to potential bidders at the first demonstration sites in Polk County, Florida and to use the remaining forms to gather information on only those bidders in the competitive range. The remaining forms C, D, E, and F will be used for inspections and reference checking in the three months following the bid submissions. These forms will be used by HCFA or its agents to gather information regarding bidders who have made financially attractive bids and are being evaluated for quality, financial stability, and other attributes for consideration as demonstration suppliers.

*Frequency:* Two times at each demonstration site;

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

*Number of Respondents:* 2,040;

*Total Annual Responses:* 2,040;

*Total Annual Hours:* 24,780.

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](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and