

a Metropolitan Statistical Area and has fewer than 50 beds.

This notice merely recognizes CHAP as a national accreditation organization for hospices that request participation in the Medicare program. As evidenced by the following data for the cost of surveys, there are neither significant costs nor savings for the program and administrative budgets of Medicare. Therefore, this notice is not a major rule as defined in Title 5, United States Code, section 804(2) and is not an economically significant rule under Executive Order 12866.

Therefore, we have determined, and the Secretary certifies, that this notice will not result in a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities and will not have a significant effect on the operations of a substantial number of small rural hospitals. Therefore, we are not preparing analyses for either the RFA or section 1102(b) of the Act.

In fiscal year 1996, there were 2,148 certified hospices participating in the Medicare program. We conducted 258 initial surveys, 322 recertification surveys (both at a cost of \$634,904), and 145 complaint surveys.

In fiscal year 1997, there were 2,270 certified hospices. This was an increase of 122 facilities. We conducted 180 initial surveys, 354 recertification surveys (both at a cost of \$330,686), and 237 complaint surveys.

In fiscal year 1998, there were 2,290 certified hospices. This was an increase of 20 facilities. We conducted 126 initial surveys, 196 recertification surveys (both at a cost of \$360,783), and 201 complaint surveys.

As the data above indicate, the number of hospices and the cost for conducting hospice surveys by State agencies are increasing. There was a 6.6 percent increase in hospices within 3 years (fiscal years 1996 through 1998). The fiscal year 1999 appropriation for hospice survey activities was not increased, and these surveys were included within the lowest priority category. This appropriation does not allow sufficient resources for some regions to meet the survey demand, especially for resurvey activity, which remains a small proportion of eligible facilities (less than 9 percent for a maximum resurvey once every 12 years). Hospices accredited by CHAP would be surveyed every 3 years. The numbers of participating providers continue to increase. In an effort to better assure the health, safety, and services of beneficiaries in hospices already certified, as well as to provide relief to State budgets in this time of tight fiscal constraints, we deem hospices accredited by CHAP as

meeting our Medicare requirements. Thus, we continue our focus on assuring the health and safety of services by providers and suppliers already certified for participation in a cost-effective manner.

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12866, this notice was reviewed by OMB.

**Authority:** Section 1865(b)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395bb(b)(3)(A)).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance)

Dated: March 1, 1999.

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,**

*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4441-N-21]

### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments due date: May 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1305. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as

described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: April 15, 1999.

**David S. Cristy,**

*Director, ISP and Management.*

*Title of Proposal:* Consolidated Plan.

*Office:* Community Planning and Development.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0117.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:* Based on 24 CFR Parts 91 et. al. each jurisdiction receiving formula allocated funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), or Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program, must submit a Consolidated Plan establishing an overall three- to five-year strategy for use of these funds and a one year action plan detailing individual projects. The information collection includes narrative requirements such as statements of goals, objectives, and priorities for funds, and tabular information describing priorities for funds, and tabular information describing priority housing, homeless and community development needs. Information is also collected regarding programmatic accomplishments and annual performance of States and localities receiving formula allocated funds under these programs in accordance with statutory and regulatory requirements found in Title I of the HCDA of 1974,

NAHA of 1992, and in CFR 24 Part 91.520.  
Form Number: 40090 and 20091.

Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Annually and Recordkeeping.  
Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Consolidated Plan:							
Localities .....	1,000		1		332		332,025
States .....	50		1		978		48,900
Performance Report:							
Localities .....	1,000		1		150		150,000
States .....	50		1		240		12,000
Abbreviated Strategy .....	100		1		70		7,000

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:*  
549,925.  
*Status:* Reinstatement with changes.  
*Contact:* Sal Sclafani, HUD, (202) 708-1283 x4364, Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.  
Dated: April 15, 1999.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Privacy Act of 1974; As Amended; Revisions to an Existing System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed revisions to an existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Office of the Secretary (OS) is issuing public notice of its intent to modify an existing Privacy Act system of records notice, OS-72, "FECA Chargeback Case File." The revisions will update the number of the system, the retrievability statement, and the address of the system locations and system managers.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These actions will be effective April 20, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Office of Personnel Policy, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-5221 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior is proposing to amend the system notice for OS-72, "FECA Chargeback Case File," to update the number of the system to more accurately reflect its Department-wide scope, the retrievability statement and the addresses of the system locations and system managers to reflect changes that have occurred since the notice was last published. Accordingly, the

Department of the Interior proposes to amend the "FECA Chargeback Case File," OS-72, system notice in its entirety to read as follows:

**Sue Ellen Sloca,**  
*Office of the Secretary, Privacy Act Officer, National Business Center.*

**INTERIOR/DOI-72**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

FECA Chargeback Case Files—Interior, DOI-72.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

(1) Employee and Labor Relations Group, Office of Personnel Policy, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-5221 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

(2) Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Personnel Management, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20245.

(3) U.S. Geological Survey, National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 22092.

(4) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Personnel Management and Organization, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

(5) Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25001, Denver, CO 80225.

(6) Bureau of Land Management, Division of Personnel (530), 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

(7) National Park Service, Division of Personnel, Branch of Labor Management Relations, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

(8) Minerals Management Service, Personnel Division, 1110 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA 22070.

(9) Office of Surface Mining, Division of Personnel, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20245.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Current and former Departmental employees and dependents receiving compensation payments through the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) which are being charged back to the Department of the Interior.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Name and Social Security account number of individual being compensated, date of injury and/or death, last payment date, type of payment (whether medical bills or compensation), occupation code at time of injury, grand total of amount paid. Records appear on lists which result from a computer match of the Department of the Interior's "Safety Management Information System," DOI-60, files with the Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Program's "Federal Employees Compensation Act Chargeback File," DOL/ESA-15, files.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. 301, 5 U.S.C. 8147, 31 U.S.C. 66a, and E.O. 11807.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

The primary purpose of the system is to determine the validity of Federal Employees Compensation Act chargebacks to the Department of the Interior.

**Note:** Records are generated in a computer matching process. When no match occurs, records are furnished to bureaus to determine why no match occurred. Resolution of the investigation of why no match occurred may include a request to the Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, that future charges be referred to another agency or that the Department of Labor discontinue payments and possibly initiate civil or criminal prosecution proceedings against the claimant.

Disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made:

(1) To the U.S. Department of Justice or in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body with jurisdiction when (a) the United States, the Department of the Interior, a component of the Department, or, when represented by the government, an employee of the Department is a party to litigation or anticipated litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and (b) the