request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, 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 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.


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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

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirements 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: Reinstatement, with change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; Title of Information Collection: Annual Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services (EPSDT) Participation Report and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 441.60; Form No.: HCFA–416 (OMB No. 0938–0354); Use: States are required to submit an annual report on the provision of EPSDT services to HCFA pursuant to section 1902(a)(43) of the Social Security Act. These reports provide HCFA with data necessary to assess the effectiveness of State EPSDT programs. It is also helpful in developing trend patterns, national projections, responding to inquiries, and determining a State's results in achieving its participation goal.; Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government; Number of Respondents: 56; Total Annual Responses: 56; Total Annual Hours: 1,568.

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, 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: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a list of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–7978.

Proposed Project: Feasibility Study To Evaluate the Positive Activities Campaign (PAC) (OMB No. 0930–0188 Revision)

The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is conducting a feasibility study of the Positive Activities Campaign (PAC), an initiative aimed at the general public to encourage adults to become more involved in positive, skill-building activities with youth. The ultimate goal of the initiative is to reduce substance abuse among young people.

To determine the likely effectiveness of the campaign, CSAP's feasibility study consists of a process evaluation and an outcomes evaluation. The evaluation is assessing change in communities exposed to PAC, including change in adults' involvement with youth. Two treatment and two comparison communities have been selected for study. Data for the process evaluation are primarily from on-site interviews with key personnel in local youth-serving organizations (e.g., Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs); data for the outcomes evaluation are from baseline and 6-month followup telephone surveys of adults.

This revision to the currently approved information collection activities involves: (1) a third, 12-month followup telephone interview with the random sample of adults; and (2) because PAC is being expanded to serve civic membership organizations (e.g., Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, Kiwanis) application of the process evaluation activities with these groups, plus three telephone interviews with random samples of members of the civic organizations.

The table that follows shows the total response burden associated with this project. All of the currently approved burden will have been experienced by the time of OMB approval of the revision.
Currently approved: (1,350)
Additional 12-month telephone interview .................................. 1,600 1 0.10 160
Additional 12-month interview with local staff for process evaluation .......... 150 1 1.0 150
Interviews with local-level staff for process evaluation .......................... 20 3 1.0 60
Telephonic interviews with members of civic organizations ....................... 1,800 1.0 180
Telephone interviews with members of civic organizations ........................ 1,650 1.0 165
Total revised: 952

*Annualized over an 18-month approval period, the annual burden is 715 hours.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Daniel Chenok, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Minority Fellowship Program

AGENCY: Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of planned award for renewal of clinical training grants under the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) to the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

SUMMARY: SAMHSA plans to award renewal MFP grants to the ANA, APA, and CSWE to help facilitate the entry of ethnic minority students into mental health and/or substance abuse careers and increase the number of nurses, psychiatrists, and social workers trained to teach, administer, and provide direct mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic minority groups. The project period is anticipated to be 3 years. The first year will be funded for up to $400,000 for each award.

This is not a general request for applications. The renewal clinical training grants will only be made to the ANA, APA, and the CSWE based on the receipt of satisfactory applications that are considered to have sufficient merit by an Initial Review Group and the National Advisory Council.

Authority/Justification

The awards will made under the authority of Section 303 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS). The authority to administer this program has been delegated to the Director, CMHS. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 93.244.

Background

Section 303 of the Public Health Service Act assigns to the Secretary, acting through the SAMHSA, certain responsibility for the clinical training of mental health professionals. SAMHSA is concerned with the treatment of underserved priority populations; i.e., adults with serious mental illness; children with serious emotional disturbance; elderly, ethnic minority and/or rural populations with mental and substance abuse disorders.

SAMHSA also considers the lack of suitably trained professionals to be a major cause of the lack of access for ethnic minority communities to appropriate mental health and substance abuse services. Accordingly, SAMHSA has the responsibility for providing support to facilitate the entry of ethnic minority students into mental health careers and increase the number of professionals trained at the doctoral level to teach, administer, and provide direct mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic minority communities.

Over the past several decades, the Federal mental health clinical training program at SAMHSA (and previously at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)) has addressed this gap primarily by attempting to increase the numbers of professionals who wish to dedicate themselves to serving ethnic minority populations with mental and addictive disorders.

Renewal applications may be submitted only by the ANA, APA, and CSWE. These professional organizations have unique access to those students entering their respective profession. The fields of nursing, psychiatry, and social work have been nationally recognized for decades as part of the four core behavioral health disciplines included in the MFP (along with psychology). Nursing, psychiatry, and social work provide part of an essential core of services for individuals with serious mental illness and also less severe mental disorders.

The ANA and APA are the largest national professional organizations in the country for nursing and psychiatry, respectively. The ANA and APA and their affiliates have activities in all major areas of national policies affecting nursing and psychiatry as professions, including education and training. In the field of social work, the CSWE is the leading national organization which is focused just on the education and training of social workers. All three organizations, the ANA, APA, and CSWE, along with their affiliates, have direct involvement in curriculum development, school accreditation, and pre/post-doctoral training.

The ANA, APA, and CSWE have had decades of experience in working directly with university training programs. Because of the above unique characteristics and long experience, the ANA, APA, and CSWE were chosen more than 20 years ago as the exclusive representatives for the field of nursing, psychiatry, and social work. During that time, the ANA, APA, and CSWE have administered their MFP programs exceptionally well. In addition, the ANA, APA, and CSWE have recruited excellent students, assured that all program requirements were satisfied, and effectively monitored the progress of fellows and renewal applications that are considered to have sufficient merit by an Initial Review Group and the National Advisory Council.