

National "Medicare and You Handbook: 2000" Evaluation.

Form No.: HCFA-R-281 (OMB 0938-NEW).

Use: As part of the National Medicare Education Program (NMEP), HCFA plans a national mailing of the Medicare & You 2000 handbook to the entire Medicare population in September 1999. To evaluate the effects of the handbook, HCFA needs to know not only that beneficiaries received it and are aware of the information, but whether they understand the information and are able to use it in making informed choices about their Medicare plan.

To quantify whether these goals have been met, measures of what beneficiaries currently know and understand about the Medicare program must be established. It is also necessary to compare attitudes and behavior of beneficiaries who receive the information to those who do not to determine if the print campaign of the NMEP (Medicare & You handbook) has been effective.

This survey will be used to determine the effectiveness of the "Medicare and You Handbook: 2000".

Frequency: Other: one time.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Total Annual Responses: 4,000.

Total Annual Hours: 2,950.

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

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of Information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these Information collection and

recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by 6/10/99:

Health Care Financing Administration, 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 and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974 or (202) 395-5167, Attn: Allison Herron Eyd, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: May 20, 1999.

John P. Burke III,

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

[FR Doc. 99-13870 Filed 6-1-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4120-03-P

**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, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish 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) 443-1129.

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: Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Data System (OMB No. 0915-0157)—Revision**

This is a request for revision of the data system for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) and the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) and the following associated forms: (1) cadaver donor registration/referral; (2) living donor registration; (3) donor histocompatibility; (4) potential recipient form; (5) recipient histocompatibility; (6) transplant candidate registration; (7) thoracic organ recipient registration; (8) thoracic organ recipient follow-up; (9) kidney transplant recipient registration; (10) kidney transplant recipient follow-up form; (11) liver transplant recipient registration; (12) liver transplant recipient follow-up; (13) pancreas transplant recipient registration; (14) pancreas transplant recipient follow-up; (15) intestine transplant recipient registration; and (16) intestine transplant recipient follow-up. New forms are related to intestine transplants to collect data similar to other types of transplants.

The estimated respondent burden is as follows:

	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Cadaveric Registration or Referral .....	65	277	0.3	5,400
Living Donor Registration .....	680	7	0.2	920
Living Donor Follow-up .....	680	14	0.1	952
Donor Histocompatibility .....	159	75	0.1	1,200
Potential Recipient Form .....	65	385	0.3	7,500
Recipient Histocompatibility .....	159	157	0.1	2,500
Transplant Candidate Registration .....	387	114	0.2	15,600
Thoracic Registration .....	153	27	0.3	1,230
Thoracic Follow-up .....	153	144	0.2	4,400
Kidney Registration .....	252	58	0.3	4,380
Kidney Follow-up .....	252	500	0.2	25,200
Liver Registration .....	125	40	0.4	2,000

	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Liver Follow-up .....	125	192	0.3	7,200
Pancreas Registration .....	125	11	0.3	420
Pancreas Follow-up .....	125	56	0.2	1,400
Intestine Registration .....	33	3	0.2	20
Intestine Follow-up .....	33	6	0.2	40
Total .....	911	.....	.....	80,362

Send comments to: Susan Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

**Jane Harrison,**

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

[FR Doc. 99-13924 Filed 6-1-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-15-U

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**“Low Income Levels” for Health Professions and Nursing Programs**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a “low income family” for the purpose of providing training in the various health professions and nursing programs included in titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act (the Act).

The Department periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low income levels used for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for (1) Disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from a disadvantaged background, or (3) low-income families.

The programs under the Act that may use “low income levels” as one of the factors in determining a disadvantaged or low-income status are the:

- Advanced Education Nursing (section 811)
- Allied Health Special Projects (section 755)
- Basic Nurse Education and Practice (section 831)
- Dental Public Health (section 768)
- Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowships Program (section 738)
- Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (section 739 (a)(2)(F))
- General or Pediatric Dentistry (section 747)

Health Administration Traineeships and Special Projects (section 769)

Health Careers Opportunity (section 739)

Loans to Disadvantaged Students (section 724)

Maternal and Child Health Research (section 701)

Physician Assistant Training (section 747)

Primary Care Residency Training (section 747)

Public Health Traineeships (section 767)

Quentin N. Burdick Rural Health (section 754)

Residency Training in Preventive Medicine (section 768)

Scholarships for Health Professions Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds (section 737)

Public Health Training Centers (section 766)

Workforce Diversity (section 821)

These programs generally award grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, nursing, chiropractic, public or nonprofit private schools which offer graduate programs in clinical psychology, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist the disadvantaged to enter and graduate from health professions schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions education loans for disadvantaged students.

The following income figures were taken from low income levels published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, using an index adopted by a Federal Interagency Committee for use in a variety of Federal programs. That index includes multiplication by a factor of 1.3 for adaptation to health professions and nursing programs which support training for disadvantaged individuals or those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The income figures have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 1998.

Size of parents' family <sup>1</sup>	Income level <sup>2</sup>
1 .....	\$10,900
2 .....	14,100
3 .....	16,800
4 .....	21,500
5 .....	25,400
6 or more .....	28,500

<sup>1</sup> Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

<sup>2</sup> Rounded to the nearest \$100. Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1998.

**Definition**

(a) *Income.* The Bureau of the Census and the Department of Health and Human Services define “income” to include total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources with the following exceptions: Capital gains; any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house, or a car; or tax refunds, gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury. A more detailed definition of “income” is available from the Bureau of Census.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

**Claude Earl Fox,**  
Administrator.

[FR Doc. 99-13923 Filed 6-1-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-15-P

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Extramural Support Program for Projects To Increase Organ and Tissue Donation**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement for submitting applications for funding.

On April 5, 1999, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing a proposed competitive extramural support program for fiscal year 1999 to fund projects to increase organ and tissue donation (64 FR 16473).