

time is right for hospices to implement a strong voluntary health care compliance program. As stated throughout this guidance, compliance is a dynamic process that helps to ensure that hospices and other health care providers are better able to fulfill their commitment to ethical behavior, as well as meet the changes and challenges being imposed upon them by Congress and private insurers. Ultimately, it is OIG's hope that a voluntarily created compliance program will enable hospices to meet their goals, improve the quality of patient care, and substantially reduce fraud, waste, and abuse, as well as the cost of health care to Federal, State, and private health insurers.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

June Gibbs Brown,

Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4441-N-34]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Emergency Comment Request; HUD's Year 2000 Status Survey—A Special Year Data Gathering Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistance 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 emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* July 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free

number. Copies of available documents submitted to the OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to Year 2000 (Y2K) compliancy efforts for HUD properties operated by Public Housing Authorities and Multi-Family owner/agents. The survey specifically addresses the status of embedded chips in HUD facilities.

Emergency processing of this request is necessary due to the imminent nature of Y2K issues and the potential vulnerability of HUD facilities to experience Y2K-induced failures.

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: HUD's Year 2000 Status Survey—A Special Year Data Gathering Request on Embedded Microchips.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2507-__.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The House Committee on Banking and Financial Services has requested that HUD—Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) provide information on the status of Y2K compliancy efforts for HUD properties operated by Public Housing Authorities and Multi-Family owner/agents. The Committee is specifically interested in the status of embedded chips in HUD facilities. The Y2K Embedded Chip survey will enable HUD—REAC to respond to the House Committee's request for information.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: form HUD-95000 (6/23/99).

Members of affected public: Public Housing Authorities and Multi-Family owner/agents.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:

It is estimated that the survey will take approximately 60 minutes to complete. Approximately 33,200 Public Housing Authorities and Multi-Family owner/agents will be requested to complete the survey.

Status of the proposed information collection: Awaiting OMB approval.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: July 15, 1999.

David S. Cristy,

Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4441-N-33]

Submission for OMB Review: Repayment Agreement

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Information on the HUD-56146 is being collected under Public Law 479 which empowers the Secretary for HUD to collect or compromise all obligations assigned to or held by the Secretary and all legal or equitable rights accruing to HUD in connection with the payment of a HUD-insured loan until such time as such obligations may be referred to the Attorney General of the United States for suit or collections.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* August 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2502-0483) 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