Government; *Number of Respondents:* 53; *Total Annual Responses:* 212; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,120.

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, D.C. 20503.

Dated: July 22, 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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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, Part 1320. This is necessary to ensure compliance with § 1852(c) of the Social Security Act and §§ 422.64, 422.111 and 422.560—422.622 of the CFR. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because all beneficiaries who are eligible to elect M+C plans have had a legal right to receive appeals and grievance information from M+C organizations as of 1/1/99. If the agency does not provide formal guidance to M+C organizations, then it will be difficult for M+C organizations to operationalize the statutory and regulatory requirements. Furthermore, beneficiaries may be harmed by receiving inconsistent information across M+C organizations.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by August 10, 1999, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by August 9, 1999. During this 180-day period, we will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

Type of Information Request: New collection.

Title of Information Collection: Medicare + Choice (M+C) Organization Appeals and Grievance Data Collection and Reporting Requirements and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.64, 422.111, and 422.560–422.622.

HCFA Form Number: HCFA–R–0282 (OMB approval #: 0938–NEW).

Use: These information collection pertains to the aggregate number and disposition of grievances and appeals by M+C organizations. Both the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 and the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 establish a need for HCFA to set and monitor performance standards in the area of appeals. The purpose is to hold M+C organizations accountable to regulators and consumers, as well as promote informed choice.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

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

Number of Respondents: 331.

Total Annual Responses: 662.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 662.

We have submitted a copy of this notice to OMB for its review of these information collections. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** when approval is obtained.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, and HCFA form number(s) referenced above, to 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 August 9, 1999:

Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850. Fax Number: (410) 786–0262 Attn: Louis Blank HCFA–R–0282

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 Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: July 22, 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

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection: Comment Request; Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: Title: Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program. Type of Request: Revision (OMB No. 0925–0440, Exp. 12/31/99). Form Number: NIH 2756–1, NIH 2756–2. Need and Use of Information Collection: The NICHD Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program (CIR–LRP) intends to provide for the repayment of educational loan debt of health professionals (including graduate students) who agree to commit to a period of obligated service of not less than two years conducting research with respect to contraception and/or infertility. The CIR–LRP is designed to provide an incentive for health professionals to work in areas of reproductive research directly related to contraceptive development and/or infertility diagnosis and treatment by providing assistance in repaying educational loans for such individuals. The long-range objective of the CIR–LRP is to stimulate the commitment of researchers to sustaining a career focus on contraception and/or infertility research. The information proposed for collection will be used by the NICHD to determine an applicant's eligibility for participation in the CIR–LRP. It will enable the NICHD to select qualified individuals for participation in the program, and to deliver eligible benefits. The CIR–LRP application consists of two parts: Part I (Information About the Applicant) is completed by the applicant; Section A of Part II (Loan Information and Permission for Disclosure) is also completed by the applicant; and Section B, Part II (Lender's Verification) is completed by the Lending Institution. It may also be necessary for a State or other entity to verify an outstanding service obligation. In these instances, written verification of the service obligation will be requested from the State or other entity. Frequency of Response: On occasion. Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions. Type of Respondents: Health professionals or those training in the health professions; Lenders. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Applicant	40	6	1.306	313.60
Lender	160	1	0.334	53.440
State/Other Entity	8	1	0.334	2.672
Total				369.712

There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility: (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Louis DePaolo, Director, NICHD Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program, CPR, NICHD, NIH, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 8B01, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call (301) 435–6970 or Email your request, including your address to: ld38p@nih.gov. Information can also be obtained via the World Wide Web at http://www.nih.gov/nichd/docs/research.html.

COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their effect if received within 60-days of the date of publication.

Dated: July 22, 1999.

Michael Rosenthal,

Acting Executive Officer, NICHD.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personnel privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel Director's Challenge—Molecular Classification of Tumors.

Date: August 16–18, 1999.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Ray Bramhall, Scientific Review Administrator, Special Review, Referral and Resources Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6130 Executive Blvd, Rockville, MD 20892, (301) 496–3428.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer