

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:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* End Stage Renal Disease Death Notification;

*Form No.:* HCFA-2746;

*Use:* The form is completed by all Medicare approved ESRD facilities upon the death of an ESRD patient. Its primary purpose is to collect fact and cause of death. Reports of deaths are used to show cause of death and demographic characteristics of these patients.

*Frequency:* On occasion;

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions and Federal Government;

*Number of Respondents:* 3,761;

*Total Annual Responses:* 52,654;

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 2,049.

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](mailto: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.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

**John Parmigiani,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-R-72]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 473.18, 473.34, 473.36, and 473.42, PRO Reconsiderations and Appeals;

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-72 (OMB# 0938-0443);

*Use:* These requirements contain procedures for PROs to use in reconsideration of initial determinations. The information requirements contained in these regulations are on PROs to provide information to parties requesting a reconsideration. These parties will use the information as guidelines for appeal rights in instances where issues are still in dispute.;

*Frequency:* On occasion;

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit;

*Number of Respondents:* 53;

*Total Annual Responses:* 15,670;

*Total Annual Hours:* 3,578.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 and phone number, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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 designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 25, 1999.

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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

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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:* Revision of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Business Proposal Formats for Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organizations (PROs);

*Form No.:* HCFA-718-721 (OMB #0938-0579);

*Use:* The information collected on these forms by current Peer Review Organizations (PROs) and other bidders will provide HCFA with the necessary information to evaluate their contract proposals. This information will satisfy