

to allow providers to receive funds electronically in their bank accounts; *Frequency*: On occasion; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 10,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 10,000; *Total Annual Hours*: 1,250.

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 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: Julie Brown, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4442-N-15]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Assessment of the American Housing Survey Metropolitan Sample

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to:

Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Rm. 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Vandenbroucke, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8218, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1060 (Ext. 5890 (this is not a toll-free number)). A copy of the proposed forms and other available documents to be submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Vandenbroucke.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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 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 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: Assessment of the American Housing Survey Metropolitan Sample.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD is seeking to better understand how the American Housing Survey Metropolitan Sample (AHS-MS) data is used, and by whom. The information collected will enable the Office of Policy Development and Research to balance geographic coverage, timeliness, and cost considerations in designing the surveys, in order to develop an optimal data set for use by HUD, public agencies, education institutions, nonprofits, planners, and other interested organizations. The information collection intends to address these questions: (1) What is the current usefulness of the AHS-MS? (2) What potential additional uses does the AHS-MS have? (3) What steps can we take to achieve the survey's potential? (4) What

changes in the AHS-MS would make it more useful?

Agency Form Numbers, if Applicable: None.

Members of the affected public: Users and potential users of the AHS-MS, including academic researchers, local government workers, and private sector research workers.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated number of respondents is 200. The frequency of response is 1 per respondent. The time per respondent is 10 minutes. The total hours to respond is 33.

Status of proposed information collection: Pending OMB approval.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: December 3, 1999.

Lawrence L. Thompson,
Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4434-N-06]

Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998; PIH Policy for Dealing With FY 1997 and Prior FY Unobligated Modernization Funds

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing (PIH), HUD.

ACTION: Notice of PIH Policy for dealing with FY 1997 and prior unobligated funds.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the public with information on how HUD will deal with public housing agencies (PHAs) with FY 1997 and prior unobligated modernization funds in violation of the Public Housing Reform Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Flood, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, Public and Indian Housing, Room 4134, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708-1640 ext. 4185 (this telephone number is not toll-free). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Program specialists