

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: December 28, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

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

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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval expired; *Title of Information Collection:* The Adjusted Community Rate Proposal (ACRP) M+C

Plan Benefit Package and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 417.401, 22.1-422.10, 422.50-422.80, 422.100-422.132, 422.300-422.312, 422.400-422.404, and 422.560-422.622; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0262 (OMB# 0938-0763); *Use:* The plan benefit package data will be used to approve managed care organization benefits, approve adjusted community rate pricing packages, and support both managed care organization and HCFA beneficiary information campaign and marketing efforts. Respondents include any M+C organization that intends to offer an M+C plan in calendar years 2001-2003.

This collection will also allow the HCFA to provide a totally automated submission and review capability, replace text with data format, establish a standard set of benefit descriptions/definitions, provide a framework to describe benefits, reduce variation in benefit descriptions, and eliminate the need to validate Medicare Compare data; *Frequency:* Annual; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institution; *Number of Respondents:* 300; *Total Annual Responses:* 300; *Total Annual Hours:* 900.

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: January 7, 2000.

John Parmigiani,

Acting 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 Resources and Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Assessment of the Impact of the National Practitioner Data Bank—NEW

Under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) is planning to conduct a survey to obtain information on the degree of user satisfaction with the National Practitioner Data Bank's (NPDB) querying and reporting processes, how users believe these processes can be improved, and how users perceive the usefulness of information they obtained from the NPDB for licensing and credentialing of health care entities, e.g. managed care organizations, State licensing boards for physicians and dentists, and professional societies. The study will also identify and survey non user entities. The information obtained in this study will be interpreted in relation to similar information from previous studies conducted by the DQA and the Office of the Inspector General.

The estimated response burden is as follows:

Questionnaire version	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Users Survey					
Reporting:					
Hospital	1031	1	1031	.25	257.8
Group Practice	210	1	210	.25	52.5
HMOs	161	1	161	.25	40.3

Questionnaire version	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
State Boards	81	1	81	.25	20.3
Malpractice Payers	188	1	188	.25	47.0
Professional Societies	67	1	67	.25	16.8
Other	209	1	209	.25	52.3
Querying:					
Hospital	770	1	770	.4	308
Group Practice	173	1	173	.4	69.2
HMOs	153	1	153	.4	61.2
State Boards	74	1	74	.4	29.6
Malpractice Payers	*				
Professional Societies	66	1	66	.4	26.4
Other	184	1	184	.4	73.6
Match Responses:					
Hospital	770	2.6	2002	.33	660.7
Group Practice	173	2.8	484.4	.33	159.9
HMOs	153	2.2	336.6	.33	111.1
State Boards	74	2.2	162.8	.33	53.7
Malpractice Payers	*				
Professional Societies	66	2.0	132	.33	43.6
Other	184	1.9	349.6	.33	115.4

Non-Users Survey

Version/Entity Type:					
Hospital					
Group Practice	113	1	113	.1	11.3
HMOs	151	1	151	.1	15.1
State Boards					
Malpractice Payers					
Professional Societies	113	1	113	.1	11.3
Other	113	1	113	.1	11.3
Total Users	2,366		6,834		2,199
Total Non-Users	490		490		49
Total Users and Non-Users	2,856		7,324		2,248

* Cannot query the NPDB; thus these entities do not receive querying or match response questionnaires.

**These are the unduplicated numbers of entities required for the surveys.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Wendy A. Taylor, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 14, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National

Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of February 2000.

Name: National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps (NHSC).

Date and Time:
February 10-11, 2000; 9 a.m.-noon.
February 12, 2000; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
February 13, 2000; 9 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, Phone: (301) 897-9400.

The meeting is open to the public. *Agenda:* Items will include updates on the NHSC and Scholarships and Loan Repayments program; Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) designations; and a report from the Philadelphia field office. The Council will be attending the Capitol Area Rural Health Roundtable on Thursday, February 10, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A site visit will be on Friday, February 11. Transportation for the public will not be available.

For further information, call Ms. Eve Morrow, Division of National Health Service Corps, at (301) 594-4144.

Dated: January 14, 2000.

Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of February 2000.

The National Advisory Committee on Rural Health will convene its thirty-fourth meeting at the time and place specified below:

Name: National Advisory Committee on Rural Health.

Date and Time:
February 7, 2000; 8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
February 8, 2000; 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.