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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Public Health Service**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Extension of Public Comment Period on Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Research Involving Human Pluripotent Stem Cells (December 1999)**

The National Institutes of Health is extending the public comment period on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Research Involving Human Pluripotent Stem Cells (December 1999) for three weeks. Written comments should be received by NIH on or before February 22, 2000. Comments should be addressed to: Stem Cell Guidelines, NIH Office of Science Policy, 1 Center Drive, Building 1, Room 218, Bethesda, MD 20892. Comments may also be sent by facsimile transmission to Stem Cell Guidelines at (301) 402-0280, or by e-mail to: [stemcell@mail.nih.gov](mailto:stemcell@mail.nih.gov).

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**Ruth Kirschstein,**

Acting Director, NIH.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project: 2000 Survey of Mental Health Organizations, General Hospital Mental Health Services, and Managed Care Organizations (SMHO)**

The survey, to be conducted by SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), will be conducted in two phases. Phase I will be a brief two-

three page inventory consisting of four forms: (1) A specialty mental health organization and general hospital with separate mental health services form; (2) A general hospital with integrated mental health services screener form; (3) A community residential organization screener form; and (4) A managed behavioral healthcare organization form. This short inventory will be sent to all known organizations to define the universe of valid mental health organizations to be sampled in Phase II. The inventory will collect basic information regarding the name and address of the organizations, their type and ownership, and the kinds of services provided.

Phase II will sample approximately 2,000 mental health organizations and utilize a more detailed survey instrument. Although the Sample Survey form will be more comprehensive, it will be very similar to surveys and inventories fielded in 1998, 1994, 1992 and earlier. The organizational data to be collected by the Sample Survey form include university affiliation, client/patient census by basic demographics, revenues, expenditures, and staffing.

The resulting database will be used to provide national estimates and will be the basis for the National Directory of Mental Health Services. In addition, data derived from the survey will be published by CMHS in *Data Highlights*, in *Mental Health, United States*, and in professional journals such as *Psychiatric Services* and the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. *Mental Health, United States* is used by the general public, state governments, the U.S. Congress, university researchers, and other health care professionals.

Questionnaire	Number of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Average hours/ response	Total burden
Phase I (Inventory) .....	12,634	1	0.25	3,158
Specialty Mental Health Organizations .....	(4,126)	(1)	(0.25)	(1,031)
General Hospitals with Separate Mental Health Services .....	(1,736)	(1)	(0.25)	(434)
General Hospitals with Integrated Mental Health Services .....	(3,617)	(1)	(0.25)	(904)
Community Residential Organizations .....	(1,415)	(1)	(0.25)	(354)
Managed Care Organizations .....	(1,740)	(1)	(0.25)	(435)
Phase II (Sample Survey) .....	2,000	1	3.00	6,000
Specialty Mental Health Organizations .....	(1,404)	(1)	(3.00)	(4,212)
General Hospitals with Separate Mental Health Services .....	(596)	(1)	(3.00)	(1,788)
Total .....	14,634	.....	.....	9,158

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**Richard Kopanda,**

*Executive Officer, SAMHSA.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4563-N-01]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comments for Section 8 Management Assessment Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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:* April 3, 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: Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4238, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-3642, extension 4128, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

**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 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: Section 8 Management Assessment Program, OMB Control Number: 2577-0215.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information is necessary to rate and assess public housing agency (PHA) management capabilities and deficiencies in key program areas, to improve HUD oversight of the Section 8 tenant-based program and to help HUD target monitoring and assistance to PHA programs that pose the greatest risk.

Members of affected public: Public housing agencies.

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

Information collection	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours	Regulatory reference
SEMAP Certification .....	2,565	1	2,565	12	30,780	985.101
Corrective Action Plan .....	260	1	260	10	2,600	985.107(c)
Report on Correction of SEMAP Deficiency .....	670	1	670	2	1,340	985.106
Total annual burden .....					34,720	

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision and extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: January 27, 2000.

**Deborah Vincent,**

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