

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, HHS.

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: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Hospital Provider of Extender Care Services (Swing-Beds) in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs, 42 CFR 447.280 and 482.66; *Form No.:* HCFA-605 (OMB# 0938-0624); *Use:* This is a facility identification and screening form. It will be completed by a hospital that is requesting approval. It initiates the process of determining the hospital's eligibility and also requests approval for its bed count category. *Frequency:* Other (one time); *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, and Not for profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 50; *Total Annual Hours:* 12.5.

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, DC 20503

Dated: February 24, 2000.

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National Institutes of Health

Proposed Data Collection; Comment Request: Pretesting of Office of Cancer Communications Messages

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 Cancer Institute (NCI), 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:* Pretesting of Office of Cancer Communications Messages.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension (OMB #0925-0046, expires (8/31/00).

Need and Use of Information Collection: In order to carry out NCI's legislative mandate to educate and disseminate information about cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment to a wide variety of audiences and organizations (e.g., cancer patients, their families, the general public, health providers, the media, voluntary groups, scientific and medical organizations), the Office of Cancer Communications (OCC) needs to pretest its communications strategies, concepts, and messages while they are under development. The primary purpose of this pretesting, or formative evaluation, is to ensure that the messages, communication materials, and information services created by OCC have the greatest capacity of being received, understood, and accepted by their target audiences. By utilizing appropriate qualitative and quantitative methodologies, OCC is able to (1) understand characteristics of the

intended target audience—their attitudes, beliefs and behaviors—and use this information in the development of effective communication tools; (2) produce or refine messages that have the greatest potential to influence target audience attitudes and behavior in a positive manner; and (3) expend limited program resource dollars wisely and effectively.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Type of Respondents: Adult cancer patients; members of the public; health care professionals; organizational representatives. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,780;

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1;

Average Burden Hours per Response: 1458; and

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 2,010.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/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 to be collected; and (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 CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Ellen Eisner, Communications Research Manager, Health Promotion Branch, OCC, NCI, NIH, Building 31, Room 10A03, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435-7783 or E-mail your request, including your address to: EisnerE@occ.nci.nih.gov.