

charter establishing this committee on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 7899, February 17, 1999). The Citizen's Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) advises us on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education materials serving the Medicare program.

The goals of the Panel are as follows:

- Develop and implement a national Medicare education program that describes the options for selecting a health plan under Medicare.
- Enhance the Federal government's effectiveness in informing the Medicare consumer, including the appropriate use of public-private partnerships.
- Expand outreach to vulnerable and underserved communities, including racial and ethnic minorities; in the context of a national Medicare education program.
- Assemble an information base of best practices for helping consumers evaluate health plan options and building a community infrastructure for information, counseling, and assistance.

The current members are: Carol Cronin, Director, Center for Beneficiary Services, HCFA; Diane Archer, J.D., President, Medicare Rights Center; Bruce Bradley, M.B.A., Director, Managed Care Plans, General Motors Corporation; Joyce Dubow, M.U.P., Senior Policy Advisor, Public Policy Institute, AARP; Elmer Huerta, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Cancer Risk and Assessment Center, Washington Hospital Center; Bonita Kallestad, J.D., M.S., Western Minnesota Legal Services, Mid Minnesota Legal Assistance; Steven Larsen, J.D., M.A., Maryland Insurance Commissioner, Maryland Insurance Administration; Brian Lindberg, M.M.H.S., Executive Director, Consumer Coalition for Quality Health Care; Heidi Margulis, B.A., Vice President, Government Affairs, Humana, Inc.; Patricia Neuman, Sc.D., Director, Medicare Policy Project, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; Elena Rios, M.D., M.S.P.H., President, National Hispanic Medical Association; Samuel Simmons, B.A., President and CEO, The National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.; Nina Weinberg, M.A., President, National Health Council; and Edward Zesk, B.A., Executive Director, Aging 2000.

The agenda for the May 12, 2000, meeting will include the following:

- An overview of current state of communication about health care quality.
- A discussion of HCFA's quality agenda.
- A discussion of the communication of quality through health plans providers.

- A discussion of HCFA's efforts in consumer information on quality and satisfaction.

- A wrap-up discussion of tentative findings.

- A discussion of the Panel's future direction.

- A period for public comments.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the agenda issues should contact the Executive Director, by 12 noon, May 5, 2000, to be scheduled. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director, no later than 12 noon, May 11, 2000. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak, may submit written comments to the Executive Director, by 12 noon, May 11, 2000.

The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other special accommodation should contact the Executive Director at least 10 days before the meeting.

(5 U.S.C. App.2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2))

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: April 24, 2000.

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,**

*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4562-N-03]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Study of Rent Burden of Residents Living in HOME-Assisted Rental Units

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for 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:** *Comment Due Date:* June 26, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vincent M. Mani, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-3700, ext. 5714 (this is not a toll free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents to be submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Mani.

**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 affecting 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:* Study of Rent Burden of Residents Living in HOME-Assisted Rental Units.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Department is conducting, under a contract with Abt Associates, Inc., a study of the rent burden of residents living in rental housing developed under the HOME Program. The main objective is to examine the rent burdens of residents living in HOME-assisted units. Rent burden is the percentage of gross income paid toward rent and utilities. Because the rents in HOME-assisted units are unrelated to individual household income but are based instead of affordable rents for households earning 50 percent or 65

percent of area median income adjusted for family size, residents can have high rent burdens, even if their unit is in compliance with rent standards. The study of rent burden will yield important information about the affordability of rental housing developed under the Home Program.

*Agency Form Numbers, if Applicable:* None.

*Members of the affected public:* Residents sampled in 250 properties that are selected for the study.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The researchers will administer a one-time telephone survey to 1,000 residents. The interviews are expected to last five minutes, for a total burden hour estimate of 83.3 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Awaiting OMB approval.

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

Dated: April 18, 2000.

**Lawrence L. Thompson,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4562-N-02]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Survey of Manufactured (Mobile) Home Placements

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for 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:* June 26, 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, Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert A. Knight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1060, Ext. 5893 (this is not a toll-free number), (or via the Internet at Robert\_A\_Knight@hud.gov) or Michael Davis, U.S. Census Bureau, Manufacturing and Construction Division, Room 2126 FOB 4, Washington, DC 20233-6900, at (301) 457-1605 (or via the Internet at Michael.Davis@ccmail.census.gov).

**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 the appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. This notice is requesting a revision of a currently approved collection.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Survey of Manufactured (Mobile) Home Placements.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-0029.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Survey of Manufactured (Mobile) Home Placements collects data on the characteristics of newly manufactured homes placed for residential use including number, sales price, location, and other selected characteristics. HUD uses the statistics to respond to a Congressional mandate in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 5424 note, which requires HUD to collect and report manufactured home sales and price information for the nation, census regions, states, and selected metropolitan areas and to monitor

whether new manufactured homes are being placed on owned rather than rented lots. HUD also used these data to monitor total housing production and its affordability.

*Agency Form Numbers:* C-MH-9A.

*Member of affected public:* Business firms or other for-profit institutions.

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

*Number of respondents:* 4,000.

*Estimate Responses per Respondent:*

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*Time per respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Total hours to respond:* 4,000.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** Title 42 U.S.C. 5424 note, Title 13 U.S.C. Section 8(b), and Title 12, U.S.C., Section 1701z-1.

Dated: April 18, 2000.

**Lawrence L. Thompson,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected under the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided under section 112, paragraph 4, of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, and title 50, of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 15.26(c).

*Applicant:* G.A. Abbate, Elizabeth, NJ. The applicant wishes to establish a cooperative breeding program for the Venezuelan Black hooded Red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*). The applicant wishes to be an active participant in this program with one other private individual. COM USA Inc. and its affiliate, The International Association for the Propagation and Conservation of All Avian Species (IAPCAAS) have assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.