

Purchased by the Consumer (i.e., How Long They Are Likely to Remain in the Channels of Trade), October 26, 1999.

4. National Food Processors Association, Letter to FDA Estimating the Amount of Time Processed Foods Are Likely to Remain in the Channels of Trade, August 23, 1999.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; 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.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Hearing—Part B Medicare Claim and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 405.821; *Form No.:* HCFA-1965 (0938-0034); *Use:* Section 1869 of the Social Security Act authorizes a hearing for any individual who is dissatisfied with any determination and amount of benefit paid. This form is used so that a party may request a hearing by a Hearing Officer because the review determination failed to satisfy the appellant. *Frequency:* Annually, Quarterly and Monthly; *Affected Public:* Individual or households, and not-for-

profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 55,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 55,000, *Total Annual Hours:* 9,167.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Reconsideration of Part A Insurance Benefits and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 405.711; *Form No.:* HCFA-2649 (0938-0045); *Use:* Section 1869 of the Social Security Act authorizes a hearing for any individual who is dissatisfied with the intermediary's Part A determination or the benefit amount paid. This form is used by a party to request a reconsideration of the initial determination of benefits. *Frequently:* Annually, quarterly and monthly; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 62,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 62,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 15,500.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Part A Medicare Hearing by an Administrative Law Judge and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 498 Subpart D and E; *Form No.:* HCFA-5011A-U6 (0938-0486); *Use:* Section 1869 of the Social Security Act authorizes a hearing for any individual who is dissatisfied with the intermediary's Part A determination or the amount paid. This form is used by the beneficiary or other qualified appellant to request a hearing by an Administrative Law Judge if the reconsideration determination fails to satisfy the appellant. *Frequency:* Annually, Quarterly and Monthly; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 10,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 10,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,500.

4. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Part B Medicare Hearing by an Administrative Law Judge and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 498 Subpart D and E; *Form No.:* HCFA-5011B-U6 (0938-0567); *Use:* Section 1869 of the Social Security Act authorizes a hearing for any individual who is dissatisfied with the carrier's Part B determination or the amount paid. This form is used by the beneficiary or other qualified appellant to request a hearing by an Administrative Law Judge if the hearing officer's decision fails to satisfy the appellant. *Frequency:* Annually,

quarterly and monthly; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 10,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 10,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,500.

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: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: May 25, 2000.

John P. Burke, III,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Request for Clearance To Conduct Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Surveys

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), 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: Request for Clearance to Conduct Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Surveys. *Type of Information Collection Request:* NEW.

Need and Use of Information Collection: The NIDCD was established to support biomedical and behavioral research and research training in hearing, smell, balance, taste, voice, speech and language. Although minorities and women will dominate the work force within the next decade, both groups are underrepresented in science and health professional fields. Because of this concern, the NIDCD, with assistance from the Office of Research on Minority Health, established the Partnership Program in 1994 to increase the number of minority scientists and health care

professionals doing research on communication and communication disorders. The proposed survey will yield data about: (1) Reasons for participation in the program; (2) satisfaction of participants with the program and (3) how participation in the program has lead to the pursuit of a career in the health field. This survey will track the Partnership Program's success at increasing the number of women and minorities who are scientists. *Frequency of Response:* One. *Affected Public:* Individuals. *Type of Respondent:* Partnership Program

Participants. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 0.5; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 15.5. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$155. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Note: The following table is acceptable for the Respondent and Burden Estimate Information, if appropriate, instead of the text as shown above.)

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
New Participants	16	1	.25	4
Past Participants	16	1	.25	4
Applicants	30	1	.25	7.5
Total	62			15.5

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 fulfillment of the NIDCD mission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed data collection, including the validity of the methodology; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the data collection and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including appropriate use of automated collection techniques and information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Mrs. Kay C. Johnson-Graham, EEO Officer, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, NIDCD, NIH, Building 31, Room 3C08, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 402-6415 or E-mail your request,

including your address to: <kay_johnson@ms.nidcd.nih.gov>.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 3, 2000.

Dated: May 23, 2000.

W. David Kerr,

Executive Officer, NIDCD.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of Laboratories Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies, and Laboratories That Have Withdrawn From the Program

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services notifies Federal agencies of the laboratories currently certified to meet standards of Subpart C of Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (59 FR 29916, 29925). A similar notice listing all currently certified laboratories will be published during the first week of each month, and updated to include laboratories which subsequently apply

for and complete the certification process. If any listed laboratory's certification is totally suspended or revoked, the laboratory will be omitted from updated lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Guidelines.

If any laboratory has withdrawn from the National Laboratory Certification Program during the past month, it will be listed at the end, and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter.

This Notice is available on the internet at the following website: <http://wmcare.samhsa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Giselle Hersh or Dr. Walter Vogl, Division of Workplace Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall 2 Building, Room 815, Rockville, Maryland 20857; Tel.: (301) 443-6014, Fax: (301) 443-3031.

Special Note: Please use the above address for all surface mail and correspondence. For all overnight mail service use the following address: Division of Workplace Programs, 5515 Security Lane, Room 815, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing were developed in accordance with Executive Order 12564 and section 503 of Pub. L. 100-71. Subpart C of the Guidelines, "Certification of Laboratories Engaged in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies," sets strict standards which laboratories must meet in order to conduct urine drug testing for Federal agencies. To become certified an applicant laboratory must undergo three