

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:* Psychiatric Unit Criteria Worksheet, Rehabilitation Unit Criteria Worksheet, and Rehabilitation Hospital Criteria Worksheet, and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR 412.20–412.32; *Form No.:* HCFA–437, 437A, and 437B (OMB# 0938–0358); *Use:* The rehabilitation hospital/unit and psychiatric unit criteria worksheets are necessary to verify and reverify that these facilities/units comply and remain in compliance with the exclusion criteria for the Medicare prospective payment system; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other-for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, local, or tribal government.; *Number of Respondents:* 2,580; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,580; *Total Annual Hours:* 645.

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: Julie Brown, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: July 11, 2000.
John P. Burke III,
Reports Clearance Officer, 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: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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: The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program In-School Worksheets (New)

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program was

established to help alleviate the geographical and specialty maldistribution of physicians and other health practitioners in the United States. Under this program, health professional students are offered scholarships in return for services in a federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). If awarded an NHSC Scholarship, the Program will require the schools and the awardees to review and complete relative data collection worksheets for each year that the student is NHSC Scholar.

The Data Sheet Form requests that the NHSC Scholar review the form for accuracy of pertinent information such as, social security number, contact information, current curriculum, and date of graduation information. If the scholar finds the printed information to be accurate, they must sign the form and return it to the NHSC Scholarship Program in the envelope provided. If the NHSC Scholar finds the information inaccurate in regards to their name or contact information, they are to make the necessary changes directly on the form. If the inaccurate information pertains to their curriculum or date of graduation, the scholar will make changes directly on the form and include written notification from their school.

The Verification Sheet Form is sent to the school along with a list of the NHSC scholars who are enrolled at their school for the current academic year. The schools are asked to verify and/or correct the enrollment status of each of the scholars on the list. Once the verification is complete the school must sign and date the form and return it to the NHSC Scholarship Program in the envelope provided.

The Contact Sheet Form is sent to the schools and it requests the contact information of pertinent school officials. This information is used by the NHSC Scholarship Program for future contacts with the schools.

The estimated burden is as follows:

Form name	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response (min)	Total burden hours
Data Sheet	800	1	10	137
Verification Sheet	800	1	10	137
Contact Sheet	800	1	10	137
Total	800	411

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part R of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (60 FR 56605 as amended November 6, 1995, as last amended at 65 FR 38565-68 dated June 21, 2000).

This notice reflects the organizational and functional changes in the Bureau of Health Professions (RP). Make the following changes:

1. Delete the opening functional statement for the Bureau of Health Professions in its entirety and replace with the following:

Bureau of Health Professions (RP)

Provides national leadership in coordinating, evaluating, and supporting the development and utilization of the Nation's health personnel. Specifically: (1) Assess the Nation's health personnel supply and requirements and forecasts supply and requirements for future time periods under a variety of health resources utilization assumptions; (2) collects and analyzes data and disseminates information on the characteristics and capacities of the Nation's health personnel production systems; (3) proposes new or modifications of existing Departmental legislation, policies, and programs related to health personnel development and utilization; (4) develops, tests and demonstrates new and improved approaches to the development and utilization of health personnel within various patterns of health care delivery and financing systems; (5) provides financial support to institutions and individuals for health professions education programs; (6) administers Federal programs for

targeted health personnel development and utilization; (7) provides leadership for promoting equity and diversity in access to health services and health careers for under-represented minority groups; (8) provides technical assistance, consultation, and special financial assistance to national, State, and local agencies, organizations, and institutions for the development, production, utilization, and evaluation of health personnel; (9) provides linkage between Bureau headquarters and HRSA Field Office activities related to health professions education and utilization by providing training, technical assistance, and consultation to Field Office staff; (10) coordinates with the programs of other agencies within the Department, and in other Federal Departments and agencies concerned with health personnel development and health care services; (11) provides liaison and coordinates with non-Federal organizations and agencies concerned with health personnel development and utilization; (12) in coordination with the Office of the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, serves as a focus for technical assistance activities in the international aspects of health personnel development, including the conduct of special international projects relevant to domestic health personnel problems; (13) administers the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; (14) administers the National Practitioner Data Bank Program; (15) administers the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank Program; (16) administers the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Program; and (17) administers the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program.

2. Delete the opening functional statement for the Office of Program Support in its entirety and replace with the following:

Office of Program Support (RP1)

Plans, directs, coordinates and evaluates Bureau-wide administrative management activities, including grants management and financial management activities. Maintains close liaison with officials of the Bureau, Agency, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Office of the Secretary on management and support activities. Specifically: (1) Serves as the Bureau Director's principal source for management and administrative advice and assistance; (2) provides advice, guidance, and coordinates personnel activities for the Bureau with the Division of Personnel, HRSA; (3) directs and coordinates the allocation of

personnel resources; (4) provides organization and management analysis, develops policies and procedures for internal operation, and interprets and implements the Bureau's management policies, procedures and systems; (5) develops and coordinates program and administrative delegations of authority activities; (6) responsible for planning and directing Bureau financial management activities, including budget formulation, presentation, and execution functions; (7) conducts all business management aspects of the review, negotiation, award and administration of Bureau grants management activities; (8) provides Bureau-wide support services such as supply management, equipment utilization, printing, property management, space management, records management and management reports; (9) serves as the Bureau's focal point for correspondence control; (10) manages the Bureau's performance management systems; (11) coordinates and provides guidance on the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act activities; (12) coordinates the development of the Bureau's annual procurement plans and schedule for Bureau grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements; and (13) develops general guidance and criteria related to the Bureau's grant programs.

3. Establish the Office of Extramural Program Review.

Office of Extramural Program Review (RPG)

(1) Serves as the Bureau's focal point for the administration and management of the grants and cooperative agreement review process, and its peer review functions; (2) develops, implements and maintains policies and procedures necessary to carry out primary functions in keeping with all Agency (3) maintains close liaison between Divisions/Offices to obtain information regarding potential peer reviewer panelists; (4) provide technical assistance to Peer Reviewers ensuring that reviewers are aware of and comply with the appropriate administrative policies and regulations, e.g., conflict of interest, confidentiality, and Privacy Act; (5) provide technical advice and guidance to the Director regarding the Bureau's peer review processes; (6) coordinate and assure the development of program policies and rules relating to the Bureau's extramural activities; (7) administer the Bureau's peer review function under the Federal Advisory Committee Act; and provide Divisions with final disposition, e.g., approval/disapproval for all applications peer reviewed.