

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:* Home health Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) Information Collection Requirements and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 484; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-39 (OMB# 0938-0365); *Use:* 42 CFR 484 outlines Home Health Agency Medicare CoP to ensure HHAs meet the Federal patient health and safety regulations; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 7,500; *Total Annual Responses:* 7,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 56,209.

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: Wendy Taylor, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: February 22, 2001.

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Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Alternate Quality Assessment Survey; *Form No.:* HCFA-667 (OMB# 0938-0650); *Use:* The HCFA-667 is used in lieu of an onsite survey for those Clinical Laboratories Improvement Amendment (CLIA) laboratories with good performance as determined by their last onsite survey. This form is designed to determine current CLIA compliance as well as prepare laboratories for future onsite surveys. This system rewards good performance and facilitates quality assurance. *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-

profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 4,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 4,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 10,000.

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Medicare Program; March 26, 2001, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. e.s.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 800, 8th Floor, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Rudolf, M.D., J.D., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 435-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue,