

Interactive Voice Response Systems telephonic surveys, etc. The information collected provides information about customer perceptions and can help identify agency operations that need quality improvement, provide early detection of process or systems problems, and focus attention on areas where customer service and functional training or changes in existing operations will improve service delivery.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households; Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Respondents's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DOD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**DoD Clearance Officer:** Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written request for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215, Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: April 11, 2001.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Title and OMB Number:** Survey of Prescribers in Military Treatment Facilities and TRICARE Contracts; OMB Number 0720-[To Be Determined].

**Type of Request:** New Collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 900.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 900.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 20 minutes.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 300.

**Needs and Uses:** A confidential survey will be completed at two points

in time, before and after the implementation of the new uniform formulary program by the Department of Defense, by prescribers working for Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and TRICARE contractors. The two surveys will collect information to be used to assess their experiences prescribing formulary and non-formulary medications. This information will inform future implementation and enforcement of the uniform formulary system within the Military Health System as mandated by Congress.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Mr. Stuart Shapiro.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Shapiro at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD Health Affairs, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**DoD Clearance Officer:** Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: April 11, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 18, 2001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public

consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

**Joseph Schubart,**

*Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

*Office of the Undersecretary*

**Type of Review:** New.

**Title:** Information Technology (IT) External Certification Program.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Affected Public:** State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit; Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:** Responses: 300; Burden Hours: 70.

**Abstract:** Case studies of selected high school and community college IT programs offer some basic information about IT certification classes, a growing program at both levels. The case study encompasses three data collection components: (1) a survey of students from 10 high schools and 10 community colleges who completed an IT skill certification class in school year 1999-00, (2) site visits to half of these high