

treating patients under TRICARE. A survey instrument is needed that will capture information regarding provider opinions of how well TRICARE helps them provide patients with needed care. It will identify how administrative policies and practices of TRICARE health plan effect healthcare delivery. A second goal of this work is to collect information that indicates how the attitudes and opinions of physicians differ by specialty, region, and degree of participation with TRICARE. The survey data shall provide information needed to better plan, deliver, and evaluate health care services provided in the military health system (MHS).

Affected Public: Individuals—Healthcare Providers in Military Treatment Facilities.

Annual Burden Hours: 666.

Number of Respondents: 2000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1 per person.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes per survey.

Frequency: One Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This request encompasses all activities required to develop, pilot test and implement an instrument to assess the attitudes and opinions of MHS prescriptive providers regarding their ability to provide high quality care. Of particular interest is how TRICARE and other organizational factors contribute to the effort to practice medicine in the MHS.

The survey will be designed to collect information from direct care TRICARE providers, focusing on providers who are licensed to practice independently. The provider groups surveyed will include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and independent duty corpsmen all of whom are affiliated with Department of Defense (DoD) MTFs. Westat will conduct the information, analyze the results, and generate a report for the government. Activities include the collection and analyses of information obtained confidentially from providers (physicians, physician assistants, independent duty corpsmen, and nurse practitioners) within MTFs.

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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, Form, and OMB Number: Academic Certification for Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program; NAVMC Form 10469; OMB Number 0703-0011.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2,500.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 625.

Needs and Uses: Used by Marine Corps officer procurement personnel, this form provides a standardized method for determining the academic eligibility of applicants for all reserve officer candidate programs. Use of this form is the only accurate and specific method to determine a reserve officer applicant's academic qualifications. The form is completed by the applicant and by school officials at the educational institution where the applicant is enrolled. The form requests that a certified copy of the student's transcript be returned with the NAVMC Form 10469.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

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 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: August 13, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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: Health Evaluation Assessment Review (HEAR 2.X); OMB Number 0720-[To Be Determined].

Type of Request: New Collection.

Number of Respondents: 2,106,071.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2,106,071.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 703,248.

Needs and Uses: The survey is a self-reported health assessment tool. The Health Evaluation Assessment Review (HEAR) is a unified approach to assess health and fitness for active duty and other DoD health care beneficiaries. The information is used by health care personnel to plan health care delivery needs and to: (1) Identify patients requiring clinical preventive care; (2) target individuals who could benefit from counseling services associated with high risk behaviors; (3) categorize patients into one of three primary care levels according to the complexity and intensity of care required; (4) predict which patients will be high users of health care resources; (5) empower individuals to take responsibility for their own health; and, (6) assess the health status of the population. The HEAR will provide information in support of Healthy People 2010 and other population health programs. These data will provide needed information to better plan, deliver, and evaluate health care provided in the Military Health System.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion; Annually.

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.