

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services****[Document Identifier: CMS-R-131]****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as 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: Revision of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Advance Beneficiary Notice; **Form No.:** CMS-R-131 (OMB# 0938-0566); **Use:** Physicians, practitioners, suppliers, and providers furnishing Part A or Part B items or services may bill a patient for items or services denied by Medicare as not reasonable and necessary if they informed the patient, before furnishing the item or service, that Medicare was likely to deny payment for the items or services and the patient, after being informed, agreed to pay for the items or services; **Frequency:** On occasion; **Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions; **Number of Respondents:** 1,028,585; **Total Annual Responses:** 19,660,110; **Total Annual Hours:** 1,638,345.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS'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 CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, CMS-R-131, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: October 4, 2001.

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BILLING CODE 4120-03-M**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services****[Document Identifier: CMS-2746 (formerly HCFA-2746)]****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ((CMS) formerly the Health Care Financing Administration), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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:** End Stage Renal Disease Death Notification; **Form No.:** CMS-2746 (OMB# 0938-0448); **Use:**

This form is completed by all Medicare approved ESRD facilities upon death of an ESRD patient. The forms primary purpose is to collect fact and cause of death. Reports of deaths are used to show cause of death and demographic characteristics of these patients.; **Frequency:** On occasion; **Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit; Federal Gov't., Not-for-profit institutions; **Number of Respondents:** 4,000; **Total Annual Responses:** 56,258; **Total Annual Hours:** 9,564.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 and phone number, 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 designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 27, 2001.

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BILLING CODE 4120-03-P**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services****[Document Identifier: CMS-10026]****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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