

scales used in the questionnaire are original or modified versions of established scales that were developed for use with adolescents.

A better understanding of the linkages among dating violence, other peer

violence, and suicidal behavior, and how these linkages differ by gender and age is needed to guide the selection, timing, and focus of prevention strategies. Ultimately, this information will guide CDC in designing programs

that reduce multiple forms of violence among adolescents and young adults. There is no cost to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
6th Grade Students (Male/Female) .....	1,000	1	45/60	750
9th Grade Students (Male/Female) .....	1,000	1	45/60	750
12th Grade Students (Male/Female) .....	1,000	1	45/60	750
Total .....				2250

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

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**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.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:*

Analysis of Malpractice Premium Data;

*Form No.:* CMS-R-143 (OMB #0938-0080);

*Use:* Survey of medical liability insurers for use in computing the malpractice component of the geographic practice cost index and the malpractice relation value units;

*Frequency:* Every 3 years;

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't., Business or other for-profit, and not-for-profit insitutions;

*Number of Respondents:* 50;

*Total Annual Responses:* 50;

*Total Annual Hours:* 150.

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://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pra/default.asp>, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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 Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room: C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**Medicare Program; Request for Nominations to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classifications Groups**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health & Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice invites nominations of members to the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups (the Panel). There will be six vacancies on the Panel as of March 31, 2003. The purpose of the Panel is to review the APC groups and their associated weights and to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services concerning the clinical integrity of these groups and weights, which are major elements of the hospital outpatient prospective payment system. The Panel was recently rechartered for a 2-year period through November 21, 2004.

*Nominations:* Nominations will be considered if received at the appropriate address, which is provided below, no later than 5 p.m. e.s.t. March 31, 2003. Mail or deliver nominations to the following address: CMS, Center for Medicare Management, Hospital & Ambulatory Policy Group, Division of Outpatient Care, Attention: Paul Rudolf, M.D., J.D., Chairman, Advisory Panel on APC Groups, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C4-05-17, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

*Web Site:* Please refer to the Internet at <http://www.cms.gov/faca> for additional information and updates on the Panel's activities.