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Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project:* The Evaluation of the Buprenorphine Waiver Program—Survey of Physicians with Waivers—New—The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Division of Pharmacologic Therapies, (DPT), is evaluating a program that permits office-based physicians to obtain Waivers from the requirements of the Narcotic Addict Treatment Act of 1974 (21 U.S.C. 823(g)). Under the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)), the Waiver Program permits qualified physicians to dispense or prescribe schedule III, IV, and V narcotic drugs or combinations of such drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of addiction to opiates. Subutex and Suboxone, two formulations of buprenorphine, a schedule III narcotic drug, were approved by the FDA in October, 2002, for the treatment of opiate addiction and are now being used under the Waiver Program. The Drug Abuse Treatment Act (DATA) also specifies that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services may make determinations concerning whether: (1) Treatments provided under the Waiver Program have been effective forms of maintenance treatment and detoxification treatment in clinical settings; (2) the Waiver Program has significantly increased (relative to the beginning of such period) the availability of maintenance treatment and detoxification treatment; and, (3) the Waiver Program has adverse consequences for the public health. This Evaluation will provide data to: inform the determinations listed in DATA; describe the impact of the Waiver-based treatment on the existing treatment system; guide and refine the processing/monitoring system being developed and maintained by CSAT/DPT; and inform future research and policy concerning the mainstreaming of addiction treatment.

The evaluation by SAMHSA/CSAT of the Buprenorphine Waiver Program will

be accomplished using three survey efforts. The first survey, now completed, is a mail survey of addiction-specialist physicians from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP), and the American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAAM). The survey provided early data about the availability, effectiveness, and public health consequences associated with buprenorphine treatment under the Waiver Program. A second longitudinal telephone study, now in review by the Office of Management and Budget, focuses on patient responses to buprenorphine, including its effectiveness and availability.

The third survey, the subject of this **Federal Register** Notice, focuses on the clinical experience of waived physicians who are currently prescribing buprenorphine and who represent a range of medical specialties. The survey is designed to identify broad clinical issues in providing buprenorphine treatment, particularly whether physicians (1) perceive it to be an effective treatment and (2) are aware of important moderators of treatment effectiveness, such as specific clinical subpopulations or particular clinical practices (e.g. detoxification appearing to be more effective than long-term maintenance). The survey is also designed to identify issues related to treatment availability and possible adverse public health consequences associated with the drug.

All Waivered physicians will first be screened using a postcard mailing to determine what individuals are actually prescribing the medication. The screening card will be sent to all physicians who have submitted a notification for a Waiver, estimated at about 2,800 individuals. The full survey instrument will then be sent to a sample of 1,000 individuals that are known to be prescribing or whose prescribing status is unknown (due to nonresponse on the screening card).

The estimated response burden over a period of one year is summarized below.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
All Physicians Who Have Submitted a Waiver .....	2,800	1	.05	140 hrs.
Sample of Prescribing Physicians .....	1,000	1	.50	500 hrs.
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>640 hrs.</b>

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer,

Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**Anna Marsh,**

*Acting Executive Officer, SAMHSA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**Action:** 30-Day notice of information collection under review: Application for USAccess; Form I-293.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The request for an extension of this information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2003, at 68 FR 56302, allowing for public review and comment for a period of 60 days. The CBP has received no public comment on this proposed information collection and is therefore seeking OMB approval on the new information collection for a period of three years.

The purpose of this notice is to notify the public of the agency request to extend this information collection and to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 15, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### *Overview of this information collection:*

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for USAccess.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-923, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The information collected on this form will be used by the DHS to determine eligibility for automated inspections programs and to secure those data elements necessary to confirm enrollment at the time of application of readmission to the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 3,000 responses at 66 minutes (1.10 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 3,300 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Department of Homeland Security, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

*If additional information is required contact:* Mr. Steve Cooper, PRA Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Regional Office

Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 4636-26, Washington, DC 20202.

Dated: February 6, 2004.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Invasive Species Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of meetings of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. The purpose of a meeting on March 2-3, 2004, is to convene the full Advisory Committee; and to discuss implementation of action items outlined in the National Invasive Species Management Plan, which was finalized on January 18, 2001.

**DATES:** Meeting of Invasive Species Advisory Committee: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2004; and 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Hawaiian Village, 2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI 96815. Meetings on both days will be held in the Honolulu Suite, Rooms 1 & 2.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelsey Brantley, National Invasive Species Council Program Analyst; Phone: (202) 513-7243; Fax: (202) 371-1751.

Dated: February 6, 2004.

**Lori Williams,**

*Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council.*

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