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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202)

395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* National Nursing Home Survey, OMB No. 0920-0353—Reinstatement—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act states that the National Center for Health Statistics “shall collect statistics on health resources \* \* \* [and] utilization of health care, including utilization of \* \* \* services of hospitals, extended care facilities, home health agencies, and other institutions.” The data system responsible for collecting this data is the National Health Care Survey (NHCS). The National Nursing Home Survey (NNHS) is part of the Long-term Care Component of the NHCS. The NNHS was conducted in 1973-74, 1977, 1985, 1995, 1997, and 1999. NNHS data describe a major segment of the long-term care system and are used extensively for health care research, health planning and public policy. NNHS provides data on the characteristics of nursing homes (e.g. Medicare and Medicaid certification, ownership, membership in chains/HMO/hospital systems), residents (e.g. demographics, functional status, services received, diagnoses, sources of

payment), and staff (e.g. staffing mix, turnover, benefits, training, education).

The survey provides detailed information on utilization and staffing patterns, and quality of care variables that is needed in order to make accurate assessments of the need for and effects of changes in the provision and financing of long-term care for the elderly. The availability and use of long-term care services are becoming an increasingly important issue as the number of elderly increases and persons with disabilities live longer. Equally as important is ensuring the adequacy and availability of the long-term care workforce. Data from the NNHS have been used by Federal agencies, professional organizations, private industry, and the media.

NCHS plans to conduct the next NNHS in March-June 2004 with a repeat of the survey in 2006. This national survey follows a pretest of forms and procedures conducted in June-July 2003. The data collection forms and procedures have been extensively revised from the previous NNHS. The 2004 NNHS will be based on computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) and computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) methodologies. The annualized burden hours are estimated to be 13,375.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per responses (in hrs.)
Facility Questionnaire .....	1,500	1	20/60
Nursing Home Staff Questionnaire .....	1,500	1	50/60
Current Resident Sampling List .....	1,500	1	20/60
Current Resident Questionnaire .....	1,500	6	25/60
Discharged Resident Sampling List .....	1,500	1	15/60
Discharged Resident Questionnaire .....	1,500	6	25/60
Sampling List of Nursing Assistants .....	750	1	20/60
Nursing Assistants Questionnaire .....	750	6	40/60

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**National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

*Name:* Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

*Time and Date:* 1 p.m.—3 p.m., March 11, 2004.

*Place:* Teleconference call will originate at the CDC, NIOSH, Atlanta, Georgia. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details on accessing the teleconference.

*Status:* Open to the public, teleconference access limited only by ports available.

*Background:* The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (“the Board”) was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) of 2000 to advise the President, through the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), on a variety of policy and technical functions required to

implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, evaluation of the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstructions conducted by NIOSH for qualified cancer claimants, and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort.

In December 2000 the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC.

The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, and renewed on August 3, 2003.

*Purpose:* This board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this Program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* The meeting will focus on review of draft site profile review procedures that are developed by the contractor.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This conference call is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. To access the teleconference you must dial 1-888-795-2173. To be automatically connected to the call, you will need to provide the pass code 46204 to be connected to the call.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Elliott, Executive Secretary, ABRWH, NIOSH, CDC, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone 513/533-6825, fax 513/533-6826.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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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.

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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility and Supporting Regulations contained in 42 CFR 410.33; *Form No.:* CMS-R-214 (OMB# 0938-0721); *Use:* The information collection requirements associated with an Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities involve documentation of proficiency of medical personnel and of resources; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Federal government and State, local and tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 500; *Total Annual Responses:* 500; *Total Annual Hours:* 42.

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/pract/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: Melissa Musotto, Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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