

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written input to the Corporation by any of the following methods:

- (1) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system to Bruce Kellogg at [Bkellogg@cns.gov](mailto:Bkellogg@cns.gov).
- (2) By fax to 202-565-2742, Attention Mr. Bruce Kellogg.
- (3) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, National Service Trust Office, 8th Floor, Attn: Mr. Bruce Kellogg, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525.
- (4) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 6010 at the mail address given in paragraph (3) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Bruce Kellogg, National Service Trust, Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Kellogg, (202) 606-5000, ext. 526.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Corporation for National and Community Service supports programs that provide opportunities for individuals who want to become involved in national service. The service opportunities cover a wide range of activities over varying periods of time. Upon successfully completing an agreed-upon term of service in an approved AmeriCorps program, a national and community service participant—an AmeriCorps member—receives an “education award”. This award is an amount of money set aside in the member's name in the National Service Trust Fund. The education award can be used to make payments towards qualified student loans or pay for educational expenses at qualified post-secondary institutions and approved school-to-work opportunities programs. Members have seven years in which to draw against any unused balance.

The National Service Trust is the office within the Corporation that administers the education award

program. This involves tracking the service for all AmeriCorps members, ensuring that certain requirements of the Corporation's enabling legislation are met, and processing school and loan payments that the members authorize.

**II. Current Action**

After an AmeriCorps member completes a period of national and community service, the individual receives an education award that can be used to pay against qualified student loans or pay for current post secondary educational expenses. The Voucher and Payment Request Form is the document that a member uses to access his or her account in the National Service Trust.

The form serves three purposes: (1) The AmeriCorps member uses it to request and authorize a specific payment to be made from his or her account, (2) the school or loan company uses it to indicate the amount for which the individual is eligible, and (3) the school or loan company and member both certify that the payment meets various legislative requirements. When the Corporation receives a voucher, it is processed and the U.S. Treasury issues a payment to the loan holder or school on behalf of the AmeriCorps member.

The form was first designed and some variation of it has been in use since the summer of 1994. We are proposing revisions to clarify certain sections of the existing form and to include terminology included in recent legislative changes. The changes impose no additional burden. The legislated change in terminology modifies the definition of loans “made directly to the student \* \* \*” to loans “made, insured, or guaranteed directly to the student \* \* \*”

Modifications to Section A clarify instructions to the member on filling out that portion of the Voucher, especially the dollar amount the member requests and authorizes. Similarly, modifications to Section B clarify information provided to loan holders and educational institutions, particularly in regard to stating the dollar amount for educational expenses.

The Corporation seeks to continue using this particular form, albeit in a revised version. The current form is due to expire June 30, 2004.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Voucher and Payment Request Form.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0014.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Individuals who have completed a term of national service

who wish to access their education award accounts.

*Total Respondents:* 69,000 responses annually (estimated annual average over the next three years).

*Frequency:* Experience has shown that some members may not ever use the education award and others use it several times a year).

*Average Time Per Response:* Total of 5 minutes (one half minute for the AmeriCorps member's section and 4½ minutes for the school or lender).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 5,750 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 2, 2004.

**Ruben Wiley,**

*Manager, National Service Trust.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In accordance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed new public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received August 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to Michael Hartzell, Lt Col, USAF, BSC, Health Program Analysis and Evaluation/TMA, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Viability of TRICARE Standard.

*Needs and Uses:* As mandated by Congress, confidential surveys of civilian physicians will be completed in TRICARE market areas within the United States to determine how many accept new TRICARE Standard patients in each market area. 20 TRICARE market area in the United States will be conducted each fiscal year until all TRICARE market areas in the United States have been surveyed.

*Affected Public:* Individuals—Licensed MDs (Medical Doctors) and DOs (Doctor of Osteopathy).

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,333.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,200.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1 per person.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes per survey.

*Frequency:* Once.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

The Health Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate (HPAE) under the authority of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity will undertake an evaluation of the DoD's TRICARE Standard healthcare option. HPAE will collect and analyze data that are necessary to meet the requirements outlined in section 723 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2004.

Activities include the collection and analyses of data obtained confidentially from civilian physicians (M.D.s & D.O.s) within U.S. TRICARE market areas. Specifically, telephone surveys of civilian providers will be conducted in the TRICARE market areas to determine how many healthcare providers are accepting new patients under TRICARE Standard in each market area. The telephone surveys will be conducted at least 20 TRICARE market areas in the United States each fiscal year until all market areas in the United States have been surveyed. In prioritizing the order in which these market areas will be surveyed, representatives of TRICARE beneficiaries will be consulted in identifying locations that had historical evidence of access-to-care problems under TRICARE Standard. These areas will receive priority in surveying.

Information will be collected telephonically to determine the number of healthcare providers that currently accept TRICARE Standard beneficiaries as patients under TRICARE Standard in each market area. Providers will also be asked if they would accept TRICARE Standard beneficiaries as new patients under TRICARE Standard. Analyses and reports will include all legislative requirements.

Dated: June 2, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**[OMB Control Number 0704-0232]**

##### **Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Pricing**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through August 31, 2004. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through August 31, 2007.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by August 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0232, using any of the following methods:

- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web Site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0232 in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: (703) 602-0350.

- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Ted Godlewski, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ted Godlewski, (703) 602-2022. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Ted Godlewski, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 215.4, Contract Pricing, and related clause in DFARS 252.215; OMB Control Number 0704-0232.

*Needs and Uses:* DoD contracting officers need this information to negotiate an equitable adjustment in the total amount paid or to be paid under a fixed-price redeterminable or fixed-price incentive contract, to reflect final subcontract prices; and to determine if a contractor has an adequate system for generating cost estimates, and monitor correction of any deficiencies.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,350.

*Number of Respondents:* 310.

*Responses Per Respondent:* .45.

*Annual Responses:* 141.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 37.94 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

DFARS 215.404-3(a)(iv)(B) requires that, upon establishment of firm prices for each subcontract listed in a repricing modification, the contractor shall submit the subcontractor's costs incurred in performing the subcontract and the final subcontract price. This requirement applies to the pricing of a fixed-price redeterminable or fixed-