

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in

compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Application (OMB No. 0915-0140)—Revision

This is a request for revision of the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP) application. The NELRP was originally authorized by 42 U.S.C. 297b(h) (section 836 (h) of the Public Health Service Act) as amended by Public Law 100-607, November 4, 1988. The NELRP is currently authorized by 42 U.S.C. 297(n) (section 846 of the Public Health Service Act) as amended by Public Law 104-205, August 1, 2002.

Under the NELRP, registered nurses are offered the opportunity to enter into a contractual agreement with the Secretary to receive loan repayment for up to 85 percent of their qualifying educational loan balance as follows: 30 percent each year for the first 2 years and 25 percent for the third year. In exchange, the nurses agree to serve full-time as a registered nurse for 2 or 3 years at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses.

NELRP requires the following information:

1. Applicants must provide information on their nursing education, employment, and proposed service site;
2. Applicants must provide information on their outstanding nursing educational loans; and
3. Applicants must provide banking information from their financial institution.

Estimates of Annualized Hour Burden: The application has been changed due to legislative and program changes and an increased budget. Burden estimates are as follows:

Form/regulatory requirement	Number of respondents	Responses per respondents	Hours per response	Total burden hours
NELRP Application	8,000	1	1	8,000
Loan Verification Form	8,000	3	1	24,000
Employ. Verification Form	8,000	1	.5	4,000
Payment Info. Form	8,000	1	1	8,000
Checklist	8,000	1	.5	4,000
Total	8,000	48,000

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Desk Officer, Health Resources and Services Administration, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Council on Graduate Medical Education; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME).

Dates and Times: July 28, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; July 29, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Select, Versailles 1, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Agenda: The agenda for July 28 in the morning will include: Welcome and opening comments from the Chair of COGME and management staff of the Health Resources and Services Administration. There will be a review and discussion of comments on the Physician Workforce Report, with the

expectation of finalizing the report. In the afternoon there will be a facilitated discussion on new and emerging issues regarding (1) the supply, distribution, and adequacy of the physician workforce in training and practice; (2) financing of medical education; and (3) Federal policies and non-Federal efforts to ensure an appropriately trained physician workforce.

The agenda for July 29 will include a presentation of a contractor's report on updating of COGME's Twelfth Report covering Minorities in Medicine, with discussions leading to approval of the report.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

For Further Information Contact: Anyone requiring information regarding the meeting should contact Jerald M. Katzoff, Acting Deputy Executive Secretary, Council on Graduate Medical Education, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Professions, Room 9A-27, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443-6326.