

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

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, was 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 being conducted, 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, (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) and (3) perceive significance to its use, including clinical, financial, administrative, and logistic factors. The survey is also designed to identify issues related to treatment availability and possible adverse public health consequences associated with the drug.

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	1,833	1	.42	770

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by August 16, 2004, to: SAMHSA Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; due to potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, respondents are encouraged to submit comments by fax to: 202-395-6974.

Dated: July 12, 2004.

Anna Marsh,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Environmental Planning Program

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Reopening of comment period for Draft Environmental Directive.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is issuing this notice to advise the public that DHS is reopening the comment period for the draft directive containing policy and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, Executive Order 11514, as amended, Executive Order 12114, and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the

procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508).

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by August 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to: Environmental Planning, Office of Safety and Environmental Programs, Management Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528.

(2) By hand delivery to: Environmental Planning, Office of Safety and Environmental Programs, Management Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Anacostia Naval Annex, Building 410, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20528.

(3) By Fax to: 202-772-9749.

(4) By e-mail to: *ADMIN-S&E@hq.dhs.gov.*

In choosing among these means, please give due regard to difficulties and delays associated with delivery of mail through the U.S. Postal Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

(1) By telephone: David Reese, Office of Safety and Environmental Programs, Department of Homeland Security, 202-692-4224.

(2) By internet: A complete copy of the June 14, 2004 **Federal Register** notice, all comments received before the close of the comment period, and a summary and details of the support for the proposed categorical exclusions can be accessed at the following URL: http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0468.xml.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encourages interested persons to submit written data, views, or comments. Persons submitting comments should please include their name, address, and other appropriate contact information. You may submit your comments and material by one of the means listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ x 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. DHS will consider all comments received during the comment period.

On June 14, 2004, DHS issued a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment on its draft directive that would implement procedures for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The comment period expired on July 14, 2004. DHS received several requests to reopen the public comment period and to make available to commenters additional information relating to the directive.

Additional material supporting the draft Categorical Exclusions in the DHS directive is now available for comment. This material can be reviewed on the internet at the following URL: http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0468.xml.

In order to give the public the opportunity to review and comment on this additional information, DHS has decided to reopen the public comment

period for another thirty days, until August 16, 2004.

Janet Hale,

Under Secretary for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1520-DR]

Indiana; Amendment No. 6 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Indiana (FEMA-1520-DR), dated June 3, 2004, and related determinations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 7, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Indiana is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 3, 2004:

Fountain County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance.)

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individual and Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1517-DR]

Nebraska; Amendment No. 4 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Nebraska (FEMA-1517-DR), dated May 25, 2004, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 7, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Nebraska is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of May 25, 2004:

Madison and Thurston Counties for Public Assistance

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individual and Household Housing; 97.049, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individual and Household Program—Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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