

2005. Partial hospitalization rates for full day and half day programs will also be updated by 3.3 percent for FY 2005. The cap amount for high volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.3 percent for FY 2005. The beneficiary cost-share for low volume

hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.3 percent for FY 2005. Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 71.56 percent for FY 2005.

The following reflect an update of 3.3 percent for FY 2005.

Regional Specific Rates for Psychiatric Hospitals and Units with Low Tricare Volume

United States census region	Rate@
Northeast:	
New England	\$638
Mid-Atlantic	614
Midwest:	
East North Central	530
West North Central	500
South:	
South Atlantic	632
East South Central	685
West South Central	576
West:	
Mountain	575
Pacific	679
@Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment	71.56%

Beneficiary Cost-Share: Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of active duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$169 per day or 25 percent

of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2004.

Cap Amount: Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$802 per day for FY 2005.

The following reflect an update of 3.3 percent for FY 2005.

Partial Hospitalization Rates for Full-Day and Half-Day Programs FY 2005

United States census region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3-5 hours)
Northeast:		
New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	\$256	\$192
Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA)	277	208
Midwest:		
East North Central (OH, IN, IL, MI, WI)	244	183
West North Central (MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS)	244	183
South:		
South Atlantic (DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL)	263	197
East South Central (KY, TN, AL, MS)	284	213
West South Central (AR, LA, TX, OK)	284	213
West:		
Mountain (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV)	287	216
Pacific (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI)	281	211

The above rates are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0001]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0001).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2004.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0001, Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Cecelia Davis, Contract Policy Division,
GSA (202) 219-0202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Affidavit of Individual Surety (Standard Form (SF) 28) is used by all executive agencies, including the Department of Defense, to obtain information from individuals wishing to serve as sureties to Government bonds. To qualify as a surety on a Government bond, the individual must show a net worth not less than the penal amount of the bond on the SF 28. It is an elective decision on the part of the maker to use individual sureties instead of other available sources of surety or sureties for Government bonds. We are not aware if other formats exist for the collection of this information.

The information on SF 28 is used to assist the contracting officer in determining the acceptability of individuals proposed as sureties.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.43.

Total Responses: 715.

Hours Per Response: .4.

Total Burden Hours: 286.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from

the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (V), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0001, Standard Form 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0022]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Information Collection; Duty-Free
Entry**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0022).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning customs and duties. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2004.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (V), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0022, Duty-Free Entry, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Cecelia Davis, Contract Policy Division,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

United States laws impose duties on foreign supplies imported into the customs territory of the United States. Certain exemptions from these duties are available to Government agencies. These exemptions are used whenever the anticipated savings outweigh the administrative costs associated with processing required documentation. When a Government contractor purchases foreign supplies, it must notify the contracting officer to determine whether the supplies should be duty-free. In addition, all shipping documents and containers must specify certain information to assure the duty-free entry of the supplies.

The contracting officer analyzes the information submitted by the contractor to determine whether or not supplies should enter the country duty-free. The information, the contracting officer's determination, and the U.S. Customs forms are placed in the contract file.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 1,330.

Responses Per Respondent: 10.

Total Responses: 13,300.

Hours Per Response: .5.

Total Burden Hours: 6,650.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (V), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0022, Duty-Free Entry, in all correspondence.

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