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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to 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.

Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 3, 2004. This comment period ended February 1, 2005. No public comments were received from this notice.

Description: The Corporation is seeking approval of the document entitled Administrative, Program Development Assistance & Training, Disability Funds, currently approved through emergency clearance. These application instructions provide State Commissions with information necessary for completing applications for commission administrative funds, program development assistance and training (PDAT) funds, and disability placement funds.

Type of Review: New information collection; currently approved through emergency clearance.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Administrative, Program Development Assistance & Training, Disability Funds.

OMB Number: 3045-0099.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: State government and non-profit organizations that are eligible to apply to the Corporation for grant funds.

Total Respondents: 55 respondents annually.

Frequency: Once annually.

Average Time Per Response: 30 hours.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,650 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: February 15, 2005.

Rosie K. Mauk,

Director of AmeriCorps.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In Compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs)(OASD/RA)), announces the following request of a 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 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Information Collection Request (ICR), which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs)(OASD/RA), attention: COL James L.Scott, II, Director, Individual and Family Support Policy OASD/RA(M&P) at 1500 Defense Pentagon, Room 2E185, Washington, DC 20301-1500, by electronic mail to *James.Scott@osd.mil*, or by fax to (703)

695-3659. Please bear in mind that mail delivered to the Pentagon by the United States Postal Service (USPS) can take up to two weeks to pass through security. Therefore, if you prefer to send you comments via mail, we encourage using Express mail, e.g., FedEx, UPS or USPS, at the following address: 1500 Defense Pentagon, Room 2D201, Washington, DC 20301-1500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, or to obtain copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden, please write to the above address, or call COL Scott directly at (703) 693-7487. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Title and OMB Control Number: Survey to Determine Economic Costs and Impact to Employers of Mobilized Reserve Component Members; OMB Number 0704-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain information from employers about the impact on their organizations when Guard or Reserve members are absent more than 30 days to serve in the military. Understanding the economic impact to employers when Guard or Reserve employees are absent from work to serve in the military is critical to gaining and maintaining employer support. The information collection process will be accomplished using a self-administered survey so that employers can accurately provide cost data, some of which may require consultation with record. The primary objectives of collection of information are: (a) To determine the economic impact on employers when Guard or Reserve members are absent from work to serve in the military; (b) to assess the impact on operations; and (c) to identify ways Department of Defense may be able to better support employers. The findings may provide valuable information concerning: (1) The economic impact when Guard or Reserve employees are absent for more than 30 days to serve in the military; (2) the operational impact and actual employer cost to operations when Guard or Reserve employees are absent to serve in the military; (3) the amount of notice received prior to employees leaving; and (4) employer adjustments made to sustain operations when Guard or Reserve members are absent from work to serve in the military.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal governments.

Annual Burden Hours: 759 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1938.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 23 minutes.

Frequency: One time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The national survey of employers with Guard or Reserve members who are absent from work for more than 30 days to serve in the military will use a self-administered survey instrument delivered by mail. The survey will focus on the varying economic costs and impacts to employers' operations when Guard or Reserve members are absent to serve in the military. Survey questions are organized into two sections: Operations and Human Resources. Section One will collect information on the impact on operations and Section Two on the economic impact on human resources. Eligible employers will have employed Guard or Reserve members who were absent from work for more than 30 days to serve in the military at any time since 2002. Respondents will be the most knowledgeable person(s) about operations and human resources at each sampled employer. Therefore, it is anticipated that employers with greater than 30 employees may require two people from different departments, while smaller employers may require only one person to accurately respond to both sections.

Dated: February 10, 2005.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: DoD, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity announces a proposed 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 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline Five, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call Capt. Deborah McKay, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity at (703) 681-0064.

Title and OMB Number: DoD Patient Safety Survey; OMB Number 0720-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The 2001 National Defense Authorization Act contains specific sections addressing patient safety in military and veteran's health care systems. This legislation states that the Secretary or Defense shall establish a patient care error reporting and management system to study occurrences of errors in patient care and that one of the purposes of the system should be "To identify systemic factors that are associated with such occurrences" and "To provide for action to be taken to correct the identified systemic factors" (Sec. 754, items b2 and b3). In addition, the legislation states that the Secretary shall "Continue research and development investments to improve communication, coordination, and team work in the provision of health care" (Sec. 754, item d4).

In its ongoing response to this legislation, DoD plans to implement a Web-based patient safety culture survey to a census of all staff working in Army, Navy, and Air Force Military Health System (MHS) facilities in the U.S. and internationally, including Military Treatment Facility (MTF) hospitals as well as ambulatory and dental services. The survey obtains MHS staff opinions

on patient safety issues such as teamwork, communications, medical error occurrence and response, error reporting, and overall perceptions of patient safety. The purpose of the survey is to assess the current status of patient safety in MHS facilities as well as to provide baseline input for assessment of patient safety improvement over time. Survey results will be prepared at the facility and Service levels and MHS overall.

Affected Public: Federal government; individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,384.

Number of Respondents: 14,022.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Collection

The survey to be implemented is the pilot-tested Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Survey on Patient Safety Culture that was publicly released in November 2004. The development and testing of this survey was funded by the AHRQ and sponsored by the Department of Defense as an agency member of the Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force (QuIC), along with ten other Federal agencies. The pilot of the AHRQ Survey on Patient Safety Culture was previously approved by OMB (No.: 0935-0115, Exp. Date: 01/31/2004). This survey was chosen because it measures a number of different dimensions pertaining to patient safety culture, has demonstrated reliability and validity, and the specificity of the items will provide the DoD with actionable information about MHS patient safety.

Data Collection Method

The proposed project will administer the patient safety culture survey as a web-based instrument to a census of all staff, both clinical and non-clinical, working in all U.S. and international MHS facilities. Due to the large number of staff to be surveyed across the Services, data collection will be phased beginning with the Army, followed by the Navy and Air Force. Standard survey procedures will be implemented. Potential respondents will receive a prenotification letter followed by an email survey notification containing an embedded hyperlink to the internet location where the survey can be completed. Two additional e-mail survey notifications will be sent, a week apart, so that the data collection field period will be four weeks for each Service. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. All survey