

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 5, 2005.

Title and OMB Number: Commissary Evaluation and Utility Surveys—Generic; OMB Number 0704–0407.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 6,633.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 6,633.

Average Burden Per Response: 1.34 minutes (average).

Annual Burden Hours: 148.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) will conduct a variety of one-time surveys to include customer satisfaction and preference surveys on various services and processes within the commissary system. The survey population will include, but is not limited to, persons eligible to use the commissary throughout the world. The information collected will be used to support or assess: (1) Commissary renovation and new construction, (2) commissary site decisions, (3) impact to commissaries that are near a closing commissary or a commissary that is undergoing some other kind of transformation, (4) processes within the commissaries, (5) commissary patrons perception of savings compared to local commercial supermarkets, and (6) demographic mark-up of commissary users.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Lewis Oleinick. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Oleinick at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings, WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202–4326.

Dated: June 27, 2005.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 5, 2005.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card—DEERS Enrollment; DD Form 1172; OMB Number 0704–0020.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 1,146,898.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,146,898.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 95,575.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is needed to obtain the necessary information to authorize members of the Uniformed Services, their spouses and dependents, and other authorized individuals certain benefits and privileges. These privileges include health care, use of commissary, base exchange, and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities. This information collection is needed to obtain the necessary data to determine eligibility, to provide eligible individuals with an identification care for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services, and maintain a centralized database of eligible individuals.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

New Collection; Comment Request

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

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 (Health Affairs) announces the new collection of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the new 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 by September 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection will be sent to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) TRICARE Management Activity, Contracting Office, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora Colorado 80011–9088—Attn: Mr. Bruce Mitterer or Mr. Marty Blomberg.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or contact one of the following: Mr. Bruce Mitterer, TRICARE Management Activity, Contracting Officer, or Mr. Marty Blomberg, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, Colorado 80011–9088, 1–303–676–3575.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: TRIWEST/TRICARE Provider Satisfaction Survey.

Needs and Uses: The data will be used to improve the services and

relationship between providers and TriWest to ensure that TriWest is delivering upon the commitment to provide "Beneficiary satisfaction at the highest possible level".

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Annual Burden Hours: 145 hours.

Number of Respondents: 850.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: .17 hours.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The TriWest Healthcare Alliance is a Phoenix-based corporation that partners with the Department of Defense (DoD) to provide access to cost-effective, high quality health care for our nation's active and retired uniformed services members and their families. These individuals are eligible for the DoD's regionally managed health care program for the military, called TRICARE. TriWest is under contract with the DoD to manage and administer TRICARE throughout the 21-state TRICARE West Region.

In addition to supporting military families through the TRICARE program, TriWest has developed relationships with organizations such as the USO, Fisher House, the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation and other military relief and support associations to strengthen America's military community locally and nationally.

TRICARE West includes the following states:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Missouri (except the St. Louis area)
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Texas (El Paso area only)
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

Dated: June 27, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; Healthy Choices for Life Initiatives Demonstration Projects for TRICARE Prime Beneficiaries

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Healthy Choices for Life Initiatives Demonstration Projects for TRICARE Prime Beneficiaries.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of demonstration projects that the Department of Defense Military Health System proposes to implement and evaluate under the Healthy Choices for Life Initiatives: A Tobacco Cessation Quitline Demonstration project and a Weight Management Demonstration project. The Tobacco Cessation Demonstration project is being done to measure the effectiveness of a toll-free telephone Tobacco Quitline alone, or when used in conjunction with prescription pharmacotherapy in curtailing or stopping the use of tobacco products by demonstration participants. This portion of the Demonstration will enable DoD to evaluate these selected interventions in a DoD beneficiary population and gather data for health care costs and utilization. The Demonstration will occur in four states: Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Minnesota. The Tobacco Cessation Demonstration project will provide information that will enable DoD to determine whether behavior modification, either alone or with pharmacotherapy, should be added to the TRICARE Prime benefit for the treatment of patients who use or are dependent upon tobacco.

The Weight Management Demonstration project will allow the DoD to determine the efficacy and acceptability of distance behavioral interventions and pharmacotherapy in producing and maintaining clinically significant weight loss in at-risk overweight or obese individuals. The Weight Management Demonstration project will occur in four states: Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. The Weight Management Demonstration project will provide information that will enable DoD to determine whether to seek a change in statute to authorize, as part of the TRICARE benefit, behavior modification either alone or with pharmacotherapy for the treatment of patients that are overweight or obese.

Certain preventive care services not normally provided as part of basic program benefits under TRICARE are

covered benefits when provided to TRICARE Prime enrollees. Tobacco cessation and weight loss programs, along with pharmacotherapy, are currently not benefits under either the TRICARE basic program or under TRICARE Prime. This demonstration will evaluate whether these services should be extended to Prime beneficiaries as additional preventive care benefits. These Demonstration projects are being conducted under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1092.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LCDR Robert Fry, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), 5111 Leesburg Pike, Skyline Five, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041-3206, telephone (703) 681-0064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

By law, under 10 U.S.C. 1079(a)(13), TRICARE may cost share only medically or psychologically necessary care under the Basic Program. Under TRICARE Prime, TRICARE may also provide additional preventive health care benefits. One of the major priorities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs is the Healthy Choices for Life Initiatives for a fit and ready force and healthy beneficiary population. Preventive health measures are an integral part of Healthy Choices for Life. Currently, uniform tobacco cessation and weight management programs for TRICARE Prime enrollees in the Military Health System (MHS) have not been established as a preventive benefit.

Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. It is responsible for 440,000 deaths annually nationwide, including 14,000 in the Department of Defense (DoD). The case for an expanded and comprehensive approach to tobacco cessation in the DoD is compelling. With estimated medical costs from tobacco use that exceed \$1.6 billion per year and the observation of an alarming increase in smoking prevalence among young active duty service members, the need for a global and effective DoD strategy has never been greater. Research indicates tobacco use has a negative impact on readiness during wartime (for example, 20-50 percent reduction in night vision for smokers; deleterious effects of rapid nicotine withdrawal on cognitive function and visual acuity; significant decrement in tracking ability; and increased reaction times). Tobacco use also (1) puts