

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Health Insurance Common Claims Form and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR Part 424, Subpart C; *Form Number:* CMS-1500 (12-90), CMS-1490-U, CMS-1490-S (OMB#: 0938-0008); *Use:* The Form CMS-1500 answers the needs of many health insurers. It is the basic form prescribed by CMS for the Medicare program and is only accepted from physicians and suppliers that are excluded from the mandatory electronic claims submission requirements set forth in the Administrative Simplification Compliance Act (ASCA) Pub. L. 107-105 and the implementing regulation at 42 CFR 424.32. The Medicaid State Agencies, CHAMPUS/TriCare, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plans, the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan, and several private health plans also use it; it is the *de facto* standard "professional" claim form. CMS is seeking re-approval of the CMS-1500 (12/90), CMS-1490-U, and the CMS-1490-S forms.; *Frequency:*

Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government, Business or other-for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 902,378; *Total Annual Responses:* 957,204,707; *Total Annual Hours:* 46,383,364.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Health Insurance Common Claims Form and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR Part 424, Subpart C; *Form Number:* CMS-1500 (08-05), CMS-1490-S (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Use:* CMS is simultaneously seeking approval for form CMS-1500 (08-05) and the CMS-1500 (12-90). A concurrent approval for the two forms is needed to allow the industry to prepare for the conversion, *i.e.* computer system conversions and mass printing of the form CMS-1500 (08-05). The CMS-1500 (08-05) will be accepted beginning in October, 2006. Its use will be mandatory in 2007. In 2007, the CMS-1500 (12-90) and the corresponding OMB control number will be discontinued. The Form CMS-1500 answers the needs of many health insurers. It is the basic form prescribed by CMS for the Medicare program and is only accepted from physicians and suppliers that are excluded from the mandatory electronic claims submission requirements set forth in the Administrative Simplification Compliance Act (ASCA) Pub. L. 107-105 and the implementing regulation at 42 CFR 424.32. The Medicaid State Agencies, CHAMPUS/TriCare, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plans, the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan, and several private health plans also use it; it is the *de facto* standard "professional" claim form.; *Frequency:* Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government, Business or other-for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 902,378; *Total Annual Responses:* 957,204,707; *Total Annual Hours:* 46,383,364.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pr/>, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must

be received at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on January 31, 2006.

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—B, Attention: William N. Parham, III, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: November 23, 2005.

Michelle Shortt,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

RIN 1660-ZA10

Application Period for the Assistance Program Under the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001

AGENCY: United States Fire Administration (USFA), Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001 directed the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal stamp and distribute the proceeds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled while serving in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. This notice announces the application period for the Assistance Program Under the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001.

DATES: The application period for the Assistance Program Under the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001 starts on December 2, 2005 and closes on March 29, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Olshanski, Heroes Stamp, USFA, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, or call 1-866-887-9107, or send e-mail to FEMA-HeroesStamp@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001, Public Law 107-67, sec. 652, 115 Stat. 514 (Nov. 12, 2001) (Heroes Stamp Act), directed the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal stamp and distribute the proceeds through the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled while serving in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. FEMA issued an interim final rule as the mechanism by which it will distribute the Heroes Stamp Act funds. See 70 FR 43214, July 26, 2005.

The application period for the Assistance Program Under the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001 starts on December 2, 2005 and closes on March 29, 2006. A copy of the application may be downloaded from <http://www.usfa.fema.gov> or you may obtain a copy by writing to Heroes Stamp, USFA, NETC, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

If you have questions, please call the toll free Helpline at 1-866-887-9107 or e-mail your questions to fema-heroesstamp@dhs.gov. For further information, please see <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>.

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number is 97.085.)

Dated: November 28, 2005.

R. David Paulison,

Acting Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Revised Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-day notice of information collection under review; Application for Authorization to Issue Certification for Health Care Workers and Related Requirements; Form I-905.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2005 at 70 FR 57312, allowing for a 60-day public review and comment period on the

proposed revised form. No comments were filed.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until January 3, 2006. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Director, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202-272-8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615-0062 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestion from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Authorization to Issue Certification for Health Care Workers and Related Requirements.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-905, Business and Trade Services, Program and Regulations Development, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Not-for-profit institutions. The data collected on this form is used by USCIS to determine eligibility of an organization to issue certificates to foreign health care workers. It also provides the requirements for the data that shall be displayed on all health care certificates that will be used by a benefit granting agency. The information must be contained on each certificate issued by a certifying body in order for the certificate to be valid. This data requirement was established under OMB Control Number 1615-0062. That information collection was published as an Information Collection Request (no agency form) at 68 FR 43901 (Final rule: Certificates for Certain Health Care Workers, July 25, 2003).

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 21,010 responses at 7.6 hours per response. This number includes the anticipated amount of certificates that will be issued by a benefit granting agency as the information collection now includes the requirements that must be met in order for a certificate to be valid.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 37,280 annual burden hours. This number is increased as explained in item 5 above.

(7) *Other Information:* This submission combines the information collection previously approved under OMB Control No. 1615-0062 and Form I-905 [OMB Control No. 1615-0086].

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/pr/index.htm>.

If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: November 29, 2005.

Richard A. Sloan,

Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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