

Cohen Act of 1996; the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, and the corresponding implementing regulations. OMB Circular A-130, Management of Federal Resources, Appendix III, Security of Federal Automated Information Resources also applies. Federal, HHS, and CMS policies and standards include but are not limited to: All pertinent National Institute of Standards and Technology publications; the HHS Information Systems Program Handbook and the CMS Information Security Handbook.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

CMS will retain information for a total period not to exceed 25 years. All claims-related records are encompassed by the document preservation order and will be retained until notification is received from DOJ.

**SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:**

Director, Division of Chronic Care Improvement Programs, Provider Billing Group, Center for Medicare Management, CMS, Mail Stop C4-10-07, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

For purpose of access, the subject individual should write to the system manager who will require the system name, employee identification number, tax identification number, national provider number, and for verification purposes, the subject individual's name (woman's maiden name, if applicable), HICN, and/or SSN (furnishing the SSN is voluntary, but it may make searching for a record easier and prevent delay).

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:**

For purpose of access, use the same procedures outlined in Notification

Procedures above. Requestors should also reasonably specify the record contents being sought. (These procedures are in accordance with Department regulation 45 CFR 5b.5(a)(2)).

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The subject individual should contact the system manager named above, and reasonably identify the record and specify the information to be contested. State the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification. (These procedures are in accordance with Department regulation 45 CFR 5b.7).

**RECORDS SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

The data contained in this system of records will be collected from Medicare administrative and claims records, CCIO administrative data systems, patient medical charts, physician records, and via survey instruments administered to beneficiaries and providers.

**SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Developmental Disabilities Protection and Advocacy Statement of Goals and Priorities.

OMB No.: 0980-0270.

*Description:* As required by Federal statute and regulation, each State Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System must prepare and submit to public comment a Statement of Goals and Priorities (SGP) for the P&A for Developmental Disabilities (PADD) program for each coming fiscal year. The P&A is mandated to protect and advocate under a range of different Federally authorized disabilities programs, but only the PADD program requires an SGP. The final version of this SGP, following the required public input for the coming fiscal year, is submitted to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD). The information in the SGP will be aggregated into a national profile of programmatic emphasis for P&A Systems in the coming year. It will provide ADD with a tool for monitoring of the public input requirement. Furthermore, it will provide an overview of program direction, and permit ADD to track accomplishments against goals/targets, permitting the formulation of technical assistance and compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993.

*Respondents:* State and Tribal Governments.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
P&A SGP .....	57	1	44	2,508

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,508.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and

Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments 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 collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to

comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: April 19, 2006.

**Robert Sargis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Response to Solicitation of Comments on Proposed Changes to Criteria and Process for Assessing Community Need Under the President's Health Centers Initiative

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Response to solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** A notice was published in the *Federal Register* (FRN) on February 4, 2005 (Vol. 70, No. 23, pp. 6016-6023), detailing proposed changes to the Need for Assistance (NFA) Worksheet criteria being considered for use in future Consolidated Health Center New Access Point (NAP) grant cycles. The FRN requested public comments on these proposed changes and on the degree to which Need should be weighted relative to the other criteria used in the NAP application scoring process. Comments were to be provided to HRSA by March 7, 2005.

The proposed changes to the NFA Worksheet criteria and the solicitation of comments were motivated by HRSA's continuous efforts to improve its grant processes. To that end, HRSA sought comment on how to improve its measure of need for comprehensive primary and preventive health care services in the service area or population to be served by a NAP applicant, and whether the weighting of need relative to other application review criteria should be increased.

Comments were received from over 50 organizations and/or individuals regarding the proposed changes. These comments were thoroughly evaluated. This FRN presents a summary of the comments received by topic, with HRSA's corresponding responses, and a summary of the final changes HRSA has decided to make to the NFA Worksheet and the weighting of Need in the application review process.

**Authorizing Legislation:** Section 330(e)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended, authorizes support for the operation of public and

nonprofit private health centers that provide health services to medically underserved populations. Similarly, section 330(g) authorizes grants for delivery of services to Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Workers; section 330(h) to Homeless populations; and section 330(i) to residents of Public Housing.

**Reference:** For the previous NFA Worksheet criteria and previously used application weights, see Program Information Notice (PIN) 2005-01, entitled (Requirements of Fiscal Year 2005 Funding Opportunity for Health Center New Access Point Grant Applications."

**Background:** The goal of the President's Health Centers Initiative, which began in fiscal year (FY) 2002, is to increase access to comprehensive primary and preventive health care services through development of new and/or significantly expanded health center access points in 1,200 of the Nation's neediest communities. Funded health centers are expected to provide comprehensive primary and preventive health care services in areas of high need that will improve the health status of the medically underserved populations to be served and decrease health disparities. Services at these new access points may be targeted toward an entire community or service area or toward a specific population group in the service area that has been identified as having unique and significant barriers to affordable and accessible health care services.

It is important that NAP grant awards be made to entities that will successfully implement a viable and legislatively compliant program for the delivery of comprehensive primary health services. It is also essential that all NAP applicants demonstrate the need for such services in the community/population to be served and be evaluated on that need.

As part of its efforts to improve the needs assessment process, HRSA arranged for an external evaluation of the NFA Worksheet criteria and the use of need factors in the overall application review process. The evaluation was conducted by a team consisting of HSR, Inc. and the University of North Carolina's Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. Key results of the evaluation analyses were presented in the FRN, as well as recommendations for proposed changes. Comments were solicited for the proposed changes.

A summary of the comments received from the public and HRSA's response to these comments are presented below.

#### Summary of General Comments on Need and NFA Revision Topics

##### *Timing of Implementation*

**Issue:** The FRN indicated that the second round of funding of FY 2005 NAP applications was being delayed, pending receipt and consideration of public comments on the proposed changes to the NFA Worksheet criteria.

**Comments:** Comments on timing of implementation reflected the fact that two application cycles had been announced for FY 2005. Applications had been submitted for consideration under the first deadline of December 1, 2004, and a second round application deadline of May 23, 2005, was anticipated. At the time of the FRN, no applications had been submitted for the second cycle. Comments indicated a concern that changing the process of determining NAP awards in the middle of the FY 2005 cycle could potentially result in significant costs to applicants to revise and resubmit their NAP application per the new NFA Worksheet criteria and could be unfair to applicants in the second cycle since NAP applications funded from the first round in FY 2005 would be reviewed using different NFA Worksheet and weighting of Need. HRSA was urged not to make such a change in the middle of a funding opportunity.

**Response:** HRSA will implement the revised NFA Worksheet in future NAP funding opportunities, in a manner which will assure consistency within each funding announcement.

##### *Relative Importance of Need as an Application Review Factor*

**Issue:** The FRN stated that the evaluation team had recommended increasing the weight of Need in the application review process from the present 10 percent for a narrative "description of service area/community and target population" to 20 percent applied to the NFA Worksheet score. The FRN requested public comments on what percentage of the total application score should be devoted to Need, and whether that should be derived from an objective revised NFA Worksheet score or in some other manner.

**Comments:** Comments indicated general concurrence that additional points should be allocated to the assessment of Need and supported allocation of at least 20 percent of the total application score to Need. Additionally, comments indicated that the existing narrative description of the service area/population Need should be retained, especially since it formed the basis for other sections of the application which describe how the