

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) The proposed collection of information for

the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance 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.

**Proposed Project: The Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (OMB No. 0915-0282)—Extension**

The Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act (SEPPA) authorized the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish the Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, which provides benefits and/or compensation to certain persons harmed as a direct result of receiving smallpox covered countermeasures, including the smallpox vaccine, or as a direct result of contracting vaccinia through certain accidental exposures.

The benefits available under the Program include compensation for unreimbursed medical care and lost employment income, and survivor death benefits. To be considered for Program benefits, requesters (i.e., smallpox vaccine recipients, vaccinia contacts, survivors, or the representatives of the estates of deceased smallpox vaccine recipients or vaccinia contacts), or persons filing on their behalf as their representatives, must file a Request Form and the documentation required to show that they are eligible for Program benefits. This documentation will vary somewhat depending on whether the requester is filing as a smallpox vaccine recipient, a vaccinia contact, a survivor, or a representative of an estate.

All requesters must submit medical records sufficient to demonstrate that a covered injury was sustained by a smallpox vaccine recipient or a vaccinia contact.

The estimated annual burden is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total Burden hours
Request Form .....	25	1	25	5	125
Certification .....	25	1	25	1	25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>150</b>

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: April 11, 2007.

**Caroline Lewis,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Administration and Financial Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority**

This notice amends Part R of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) (60 FR

56605, as amended November 6, 1995, and as last amended September 21, 2004; 69 FR 56433-56445).

This notice reflects organizational changes in the Health Resources and Services Administration. Specifically, this notice establishes the Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (RU) and moves the National Health Service Corps, the Nursing Scholarship Program, the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program, the Faculty Loan Repayment Program, and the Native Hawaiian Scholarship Program from the Bureau of Health Professions (RP) to this newly established Bureau.

**Chapter RU, Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service**

*Section RU, 00 Mission*

The mission of the Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service is to improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by coordinating the recruitment and retention of caring health professionals in the healthcare system and supporting communities'

efforts to build more integrated and sustainable systems of care.

*Section RU, 10 Organization*

The Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (BCRS) is headed by the Associate Administrator who reports directly to the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration. The BCRS includes the following components:

- (1) Office of the Associate Administrator (RU);
- (2) Legal & Compliance Office (RU1);
- (3) Division of Site and Clinician Recruitment (RU2);
- (4) Division of Applications and Awards (RU3); and
- (5) Division of Scholar and Clinician Support (RU4).

*Section RU-20, Functions*

Office of the Associate Administrator (RU)

Provides overall leadership, direction, coordination, and planning in support of Bureau programs: The NHSC Scholarship Program, NHSC Loan Repayment Program, the Native

Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program, the Nursing Scholarship Program, the Faculty Loan Repayment Program, and the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program: (1) Establishes program goals, objectives and priorities, and provides oversight as to their execution; (2) plans, directs, coordinates and evaluates Bureau-wide management activities; (3) maintains effective relationships within HRSA and with other HHS organizations, other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and other public and private organizations concerned with improving the health status of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by recruiting and retaining health care clinicians into service in areas of greatest need; (4) plans, directs and coordinates Bureau-wide administrative management activities, i.e., budget, personnel, procurements, delegations of authority, and has responsibilities related to the awarding of BCRS grant funds; and (5) oversees the development of BCRS program policies.

#### Legal and Compliance Office (RU1)

(1) Analyzes, administers and manages procedures to perform responsibilities for the NHSC Scholarship Program, NHSC Loan Repayment Program (LRP), Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program, Nursing Scholarship Program, the Faculty Loan Repayment Program, and Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program for scholarship and loan repayment participants who have breached their service obligation, requested a waiver or suspension of their service obligation, or who are in default and have agreed to serve under a Forbearance Agreement, as a result of judgments, or signed Special Repayment Program Agreements; (2) reviews default recommendations; determines the action of default (breach of contract); notifies appropriate financial organization that a scholar or LRP participant has been placed in default, the reason for default, the date of default and the days of credit, if any, towards service obligation; and takes other appropriate actions; (3) provides programmatic information to Agency officials, the Office of the General Counsel, the Office of Inspector General, Division of Fiscal Services, and the Assistant United States Attorneys at the Department of Justice for trials, bankruptcy hearings, and other activities; (4) serves as a point of contact for responding to inquiries, disseminating information and providing technical assistance concerning defaults, waivers,

suspensions and default payment obligations; and (5) develops and implements policies and procedures in conjunction with default reduction activities and other actions to maximize compliance with scholarship and loan repayment service obligations.

#### Division of Site and Clinician Recruitment (RU2)

Works with sites located in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) to support recruitment, retention and effectiveness of BCRS clinicians. Specifically: (1) Conducts student, clinician and site recruitment and outreach activities; (2) provides oversight, processing and coordination of reviews of all BCRS site applications including the Ambassadors Program, J1-Visas, Ready Responders, Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program and demonstration projects; (3) maintains all vacancy management activities; (4) facilitates scholar placement; (5) conducts site application review; and (6) is responsible for all communication functions including but not limited to the Web site, HRSA Call Center and newsletters; and coordinates all Bureau conferences.

#### Division of Applications and Awards (RU3)

The Division of Applications and Awards processes applications and makes awards for the NHSC Scholarship Program, the NHSC Loan Repayment Program, Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program, Nursing Scholarship Program, and the Faculty Loan Repayment Program. Specifically: (1) Reviews, ranks and selects participants for the scholarship and loan repayment programs; (2) serves as the point of contact for responding to inquiries, disseminating program information, and providing technical assistance pertaining to scholarship and loan repayment applications and awards; (3) awards scholarships and loan repayment contracts to individuals selected; (4) verifies and processes loan and lender related payments in prescribed manner; and (5) maintains current information on scholarship and loan repayment applications and awards through automated BCRS information systems.

#### Division of Scholar and Clinician Support (RU4)

The Division of Scholar and Clinician Support initiates contact with and supports scholars entering the site selection phase and provides ongoing support to all clinicians with a formal affiliation with the BCRS. Assures contact with BCRS clinicians

throughout their period of obligated service. Specifically: (1) Monitors, counsels, approves deferments, recommends suspensions and if necessary recommends defaults of all program participants; (2) monitors service and sites, coordinates technical assistance, processes transfer requests, reassignments, suspensions, and default recommendations, closes individual personnel files, issues completion certificates, and completes annual retention reports.

#### Section RU-30, Delegations of Authority

All delegations of authority and re-delegations of authority made to HRSA officials that were in effect immediately prior to this reorganization, and that are consistent with this reorganization, shall continue in effective pending further re-delegation.

This reorganization is effective upon the date of signature.

Dated: April 11, 2007.

**Elizabeth M. Duke,**

*Administrator.*

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This notice reflects organizational changes in the Health Resources and Services Administration. Specifically, this notice establishes the Office of Financial Management (RB) and changes the organizational title of the Office of Administration and Financial Management (RS) to the Office of Management (RS). This notice also transfers the Division of Financial Management (RS2) from the Office of Administration and Financial Management (RS) to the newly established Office of Financial Management (RB).