Defense published a Notice in the Federal Register (FR) (72 FR 68130) of a TRICARE demonstration to increase access to IBI services.

The effective date was 60 days following publication of the Notice, and the demonstration was implemented on March 15, 2008 for a period of 2 years. The purpose of the demonstration is to allow the Department to determine whether such a provider model increases access to services, the services are reaching those most likely to benefit from them, the quality of the services rendered meets the standard of care currently accepted by the community of providers, and whether State requirements for licensure or certification of providers of IBI services, where such exists, are being met. The Demonstration began enrolling beneficiaries and developing the network of providers of IBI services on March 15, 2008. Subsequently, the Department determined that participation by both beneficiaries and providers was considerably less than expected due primarily to administrative requirements of the demonstration. In response, the Department developed and published revised operational guidance in September 2008. Although preliminary review indicates the demonstration can provide a measurable increase in access to IBI services, the need to modify our guidance contributed to a 6 month delay in evaluating the effectiveness of the demonstration. In addition, the Department recognizes that the subject of ASDs is complex, in particular, with respect to the number of individuals diagnosed with ASD, the treatment of ASD that generally includes several years of behavior modification through educational services, and the ability of the provider community to increase the number of qualified providers.

Consequently, the Department has determined that continuation of the demonstration is both in the best interest of TRICARE beneficiaries diagnosed with an ASD, and necessary to collect sufficient comprehensive data, including the results of the recent survey of beneficiaries and providers participating in the demonstration, in order to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the delivery model employed by the demonstration. This extension will determine whether the demonstration met its stated purpose and provide the Department with the information necessary to make sound judgments regarding payment of benefits. The demonstration continues to be authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1092.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 29, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395–5806 or send e-mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency’s ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.