

For wage index values less than or equal to 1.0 the labor related portion of the ASA shall continue to equal 62 percent.

#### D. Hospital Market Basket

TRICARE will update the adjusted standardized amounts according to the final updated hospital market basket used for the Medicare PPS for all hospitals subject to the TRICARE DRG-based payment system according to CMS's August 16, 2010, final rule. For Fiscal Year 2011, the market basket is 2.6 percent. This year, Medicare applied two reductions to their market basket amount: (1) A 0.25 percent reduction due to provisions found in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and (2) a 2.9 percent reduction for documentation and coding adjustments found in Public Law 110-90. These two reductions do not apply to TRICARE.

#### E. Outlier Payments

Since TRICARE does not include capital payments in our DRG-based payments (TRICARE reimburses hospitals for their capital costs as reported annually to the contractor on a pass-through basis), we will use the fixed loss cost outlier threshold calculated by CMS for paying cost outliers in the absence of capital prospective payments. For Fiscal Year 2011, the TRICARE fixed loss cost outlier threshold is based on the sum of the applicable DRG-based payment rate plus any amounts payable for Indirect Medical Education (IDME) plus a fixed dollar amount. Thus, for Fiscal Year 2011, in order for a case to qualify for cost outlier payments, the costs must exceed the TRICARE DRG-based payment rate (wage adjusted) for the DRG plus the IDME payment plus \$21,229 (wage adjusted). The marginal cost factor for cost outliers continues to be 80 percent.

#### F. National Operating Standard Cost as a Share of Total Costs

The Fiscal Year 2011 TRICARE National Operating Standard Cost as a Share of Total Costs (NOSCASTC) used in calculating the cost outlier threshold is 0.92. TRICARE uses the same methodology as CMS for calculating the NOSCASTC; however, the variables are different because TRICARE uses national cost-to-charge ratios while CMS uses hospital-specific cost-to-charge ratios.

#### G. Indirect Medical Education (IDME) Adjustment

Passage of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 modified the formula multipliers to be used in the calculation of the indirect medical

education (IDME) adjustment factor. Since the IDME formula used by TRICARE does not include disproportionate share hospitals (DSHs), the variables in the formula are different than Medicare's; however, the percentage reductions that will be applied to Medicare's formula will also be applied to the TRICARE IDME formula. The new multiplier for the IDME adjustment factor for TRICARE for Fiscal Year 2011 is 1.02.

#### H. Expansion of the Post Acute Care Transfer Policy

For Fiscal Year 2011 TRICARE is adopting CMS' expanded post acute care transfer policy according to CMS' final rule published August 16, 2010.

#### I. Cost-to-Charge Ratio

While CMS uses hospital-specific cost-to-charge ratios, TRICARE uses a national cost-to-charge ratio. For Fiscal Year 2011, the cost-to-charge ratio used for the TRICARE DRG-based payment system for acute care hospitals and neonates will be 0.3664. This shall be used to calculate the adjusted standardized amounts and to calculate cost outlier payments, except for children's hospitals. For children's hospital cost outliers, the cost-to-charge ratio used is 0.3974.

#### J. Updated Rates and Weights

The updated rates and weights are accessible through the Internet at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> under the sequential headings TRICARE Provider Information, Rates and Reimbursements, and DRG Information. Table 1 provides the ASA rates and Table 2 provides the DRG weights to be used under the TRICARE DRG-based payment system during Fiscal Year 2011. The implementing regulations for the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system are in 32 CFR Part 199.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Submission for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The 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 (Pub. L. 104-13).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 19, 2011.

**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 e-mailed to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) with a cc: to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (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.

Dated: December 14, 2010.

**Darrin A. King,**

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### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSL:09) First Follow-up Field Test 2011.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0852.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 6,873.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 1,161.

*Abstract:* The High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSL:09) is

a nationally representative, longitudinal study of more than 20,000 ninth graders in 944 schools, who will be followed through their secondary and postsecondary years. The study focuses on understanding students' trajectories from the beginning of high school into university or the workforce and beyond and will provide data on how students navigate the transition between high school and the postsecondary world; and what courses, majors, first job, and careers students decide to pursue when, why, and how, especially, but not solely, in regards to science, technology, engineering, and math courses, majors, and careers. This study includes a new student assessment in algebraic skills, reasoning, and problem solving and surveys students, their parents, teachers, school administrators, and school counselors. This submission is a request for clearance for a 2011 field test and a 60-day **Federal Register** notice waiver for the 2012 full scale HSLs:09 First Follow-up data collection.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4415. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)),

provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 18, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 15, 2010.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Survey on the Use of Funds Under Title II, Part A (Improving Teacher Quality State Grants—Subgrants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs)).

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0618.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Education Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 850.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,600.

*Abstract:* The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, provides funds to districts to improve the quality of their teaching and principal force and raise student achievement. These funds are provided to districts through Title II, Part A (Improving Teacher Quality State Grants—Subgrants to LEAs). The purpose of this survey is for the U.S. Department of Education to have a better understanding of how districts use these funds. The survey also collects information on high-quality professional development in LEAs. In addition to the LEA survey, the package also includes a short survey for State Educational Agencies (SEA) that provides information on fiscal year allocations of Title II, Part A funds made to the LEAs selected for participation in the LEA survey.

This OMB clearance request is to continue these analyses using a similar data collection instrument and sampling plan for the 2011-2012 school year and subsequent years. Minor changes to the LEA survey are requested. No changes to the SEA survey are required.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4473. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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