

Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). These requirements include providing individuals with certificates of creditable coverage, notifying individuals about their status with respect to preexisting condition exclusions, and giving individuals the special enrollment rights to which they are entitled. In addition, this collection gives states and the Federal government the flexibility necessary to enforce these HIPAA requirements.; *Form Number:* CMS-R-206 (OMB#: 0938-0702); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping, third party disclosure and reporting; On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions and Federal, State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 2,800; *Total Annual Responses:* 37,002,217; *Total Annual Hours:* 446,679.

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/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, 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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Fax Number: (202) 395-6974.

Dated: June 1, 2006.

Michelle Shortt,

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

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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, HHS.

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:* Emergency and Foreign Hospital Services—Beneficiary Statement of Canadian/Mexican Travel Claims and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 424.123; *Use:* The emergency services furnished to a beneficiary outside the U.S. are covered under Medicare if the foreign hospital meets the conditions for a domestic nonparticipating hospital in addition to one of the following: (1) If the emergency is considered to have occurred within the U.S. and the reason for departure for the U.S. was to obtain treatment; (2) if the emergency occurred in Canada while the beneficiary was traveling between Alaska and another State; (3) if the Canadian or Mexican hospital is closer, more accessible or adequately equipped to handle the illness or injury; or (4) services were rendered aboard a ship in an American port or on the same day the ship arrived or departed from that port. *Form Number:* CMS-R-96 (OMB#: 0938-0484); *Frequency:* Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,100; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,100; *Total Annual Hours:* 275.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Program: Complex Medical Review; *Use:* Complex medical review involves the application of clinical judgment by a licensed medical professional in order to evaluate medical records to determine whether an item or service is covered, and is reasonable and necessary. The information required under this collection is requested by

Medicare contractors, and is requested of providers or suppliers submitting claims for payment from the Medicare program when data analysis indicates aberrant billing patterns which may present a vulnerability to the Medicare program. *Form Number:* CMS-10168 (OMB#: 0938-0969); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping and Reporting—As requested; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,169,683; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,900,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 966,666.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Geographic Practice Expense Index (GPCI); *Use:* This information collection is a survey of State insurance commissioners and malpractice insurers to acquire premium data for use in computing the malpractice component of the geographic practice cost index, a component of the geographic cost index as set forth in the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1989. The data collected in this information collection request will be used by CMS staff and outside contractors to update the Medicare physician fee schedule geographic practice expense index (MGPCI), the malpractice relative value units (MRVUs), and to supplement the updating of the malpractice component of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). The MGPCI is one of the components of the GPCI, the others being physician work (net income), employee wages, office rents, medical equipment and supplies, and miscellaneous expenses. The MRVUs are one of the three components of the fee schedule, the others being physician work RVUs and practice expense RVUs. The GPCIs and fee schedule RVUs also used by other Federal agencies such as the Veteran's Administration and the Department of Labor. *Form Number:* CMS-R-143 (OMB#: 0938-0575); *Frequency:* Reporting—Every three years; *Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal governments, Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 150; *Total Annual Responses:* 50; *Total Annual Hours:* 150.

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/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, 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 August 8, 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: June 1, 2006.

Michelle Shortt,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Objective Work Plan (OWP), Objective Progress Report (OPR) and Project Abstract.

OMB No.: 0980-0204.

Description: The information collected by OWP is needed to properly administer and monitor the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) programs within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). OWP assists applicants in describing their project's objectives

and activities, and also assists independent panel reviewer's, ANA staff and the ANA Commissioner during the review and funding decision process. The information in OPR is being collected on a quarterly basis to monitor the performance of grantees and better gauge grantee progress. The standardized format will allow ANA to report results across all its program areas and flag grantees that may need additional training and/or technical assistance to successfully implement their projects. The Project Abstract provides crucial information in a concise format that it utilized by applicants, independent reviewers, ANA staff and the ANA Commissioner.

Respondents: Tribal Govt., Native non-profits, Tribal Colleges & Universities.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
OWP	500	1	3	1,500
OPR	275	4	1	1,100
Project Abstract	500	1	.5	250

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,850.

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. All request 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: June 6, 2006.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2005N-0016]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of Office of Management and Budget Approval; Evaluation of Consumer-Friendly Formats for Brief Summary in Direct-to-Consumer Print Advertisements for Prescription Drugs: Study 1

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled "Evaluation of Consumer-Friendly Formats for Brief Summary in Direct-to-

Consumer Print Advertisements for Prescription Drugs: Study 1" has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Nelson, Office of Management Programs (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of December 15, 2005 (70 FR 74321), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0591. The approval expires on May 31, 2009. A copy of the supporting statement for this information collection is available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets>.

Dated: June 1, 2006.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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