

enforcement action regarding the alleged industry practice of reselling vehicles repurchased due to defects without disclosure of the vehicle's prior history to the subsequent purchaser. On April 30, 1996, the Commission published this petition without endorsing or supporting the views expressed therein. In addition to seeking public comment on the issues raised by the petition and on other related issues, the Commission announced its intention to hold a public forum on July 15, 1996, to further discuss these issues with the affected interests. In order to provide sufficient time for interested parties to compile factual material in response to the request for comments, the Commission has extended until July 29, 1996, the date by which comments must be received. In addition, in order to provide participants with sufficient time to review the comments submitted in response to the April 30 notice, the Commission has changed the date of the public forum to October 3, 1996.

**DATES:** Notification of interest in participating in the public forum must be submitted on or before July 29, 1996. Comments must be received by close of business on July 29, 1996. The public forum will be held in Washington, D.C. on October 3, 1996, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Notification of interest in participating in the public forum should be submitted in writing to Carole I. Danielson, Division of Marketing Practices, Federal Trade Commission, Sixth and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. The public forum will be held at the Federal Trade Commission, Sixth and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carole I. Danielson (202) 326-3115, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition dated November 3, 1995, the Consumer Coalition requested that the FTC either initiate a rulemaking proceeding or an enforcement action in connection with the industry practice of allegedly reselling vehicles bought back because of defects without disclosure to the used car purchaser. The petitioners allege that auto manufacturers, their dealers and others are engaged in a pattern of conduct (which the petitioners term "lemon laundering") intended to conceal material information about the vehicle's safety and quality history from purchasers of vehicles purchased from consumers as a result of alleged defects. The petitioners also allege that this pattern of conduct

often involves transporting the repurchased vehicles across state lines to avoid the operation of state law protections. On April 30, 1996, the Commission published a request for comment on the issues raised by the petition. (A copy of the petition was appended to the notice.) The comment period closes on June 28, 1996. The Commission also announced in the April 30 notice its intention of holding a public forum on July 15, 1996, to allow Commission staff an opportunity to discuss these issues with the various affected interests. The notice set forth the criteria by which such affected interests would be chosen.

Many of the prospective participants in the public forum have expressed concerns that there will not be sufficient time to complete compilation of the requested information before June 28 and have asked that the comment period be extended an additional 30 days to complete their data collection. The Commission is mindful of the need to deal with this matter expeditiously. However, the Commission is also aware that the issues raised are complex and welcomes as much substantive input as possible in order to facilitate its deliberations.

Accordingly, the Commission has decided to extend the comment period to July 29, 1996, and to postpone the public forum until Thursday, October 3, 1996. This extension will provide sufficient time for commenters to complete their data collection and, thereafter, will provide all parties with an opportunity to review the record and to prepare fully for further examination of the issues raised by the April 30 notice. Parties interested in participating in the forum must notify Commission staff by July 29, 1996. Prior to the forum, parties selected will be provided with copies of the comments received from the other participants in response to the April 30 notice.

#### List of Subjects

Used cars, Warranties, Trade practices.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Bulletin FTR 20]

### Federal Travel Regulation; Reimbursement of Higher Actual Subsistence Expenses for Official Travel to Oshkosh, WI

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of bulletin.

**SUMMARY:** The attached bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Oshkosh (Winnebago County), Wisconsin. The Secretary of Transportation (DOT) requested establishment of the increased rate to accommodate employees who perform temporary duty in Oshkosh and who experience a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging rates during the annual Experimental Aircraft Association Convention and Show in Oshkosh.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement during the period July 27 through August 10, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Devoanna R. Reels, General Services Administration, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c) and at the request of the Secretary of Transportation, has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Oshkosh (Winnebago County), Wisconsin, for travel during the period July 27 through August 10, 1996. The attached GSA Bulletin FTR 20 is issued to inform agencies of the establishment of this special actual subsistence expense ceiling.

Dated: June 21, 1996

Becky Rhodes,  
Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of  
Transportation and Personal Property.

#### Attachment

[GSA Bulletin FTR 20]  
June 21, 1996.

To: Heads of Federal agencies  
Subject: Reimbursement of higher actual  
subsistence expenses for official travel to  
Oshkosh (Winnebago County),  
Wisconsin.

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual

subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Oshkosh (Winnebago County), Wisconsin, due to the escalation of lodging rates during the annual Experimental Aircraft Association Convention and Show held there. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period July 26 through August 10, 1996.

2. *Background.* The Federal Travel Regulation (FTC) (41 CFR chapters 301–304) part 301–8 permits the Administrator of General Services to establish a higher maximum daily rate for the reimbursement of actual subsistence expenses of Federal employees on official travel to an area within the continental United States. The head of an agency may request establishment of such a rate when special or unusual circumstances result in an extreme increase in subsistence costs for a temporary period. The Secretary of Transportation requested establishment of such a rate for Oshkosh to accommodate employees who perform temporary duty there and experience a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging rates during the annual Experimental Aircraft Association Convention and Show. These circumstances justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement in Oshkosh during the designated period.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301–8.3(c), has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Oshkosh (Winnebago County), Wisconsin for travel during the period July 27 through August 10, 1996. Agencies may approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement not to exceed \$167 (\$137 maximum for lodging and a \$30 allowance for meals and incidental expenses) for official travel to Oshkosh (Winnebago County), Wisconsin, during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin contains information of a continuing nature as it relates to the processing of travel reimbursement claims and will remain in effect until canceled.

5. *For further information contact.* Devoanna R. Reels, General Services Administration, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–1538.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA–460]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the

Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Participating Physician or Supplier Agreement, HCFA 460; *Form No.:* HCFA 460; *Use:* The HCFA 460 is completed by nonparticipating physicians and suppliers if they choose to participate in Medicare Part B. By signing the agreement, the physician or supplier agrees to take assignment on all Medicare claims. To take assignment means to accept the Medicare allowed amount as payment in full for the services they furnish and to charge the beneficiary no more than the deductible and coinsurance for the covered service. In exchange for signing the agreement, the physician or supplier receives a significant number of program benefits not available to nonparticipating physicians and suppliers. The information is needed to know to whom to provide these benefits. *Frequency:* Once, unless re-enrolled; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, and Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 70,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 70,000; *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 17,500.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydtt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 25, 1996.

Kathleen B. Larson,

*Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summaries 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:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 473.18 (a) and (b), 473.34 (a) and (b), 473.36 (a) and (b), and 473.42 (a), Peer Review Organization (PRO) Reconsideration and Appeals; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–72; *Use:* These regulations contain procedures for PRO's to use in reconsideration of initial determinations. The information requirements contained in these regulations are on PROs to provide information to parties requesting a reconsideration review. These parties will use the information as guidelines for appeal rights in instances where issues are still in dispute; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; *Number of Respondents:* 53; *Total Annual Responses:* 15,670; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,578.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for