

services authorized by the IHS. The information is used to manage, administer, and plan for the provision of health services to eligible American Indian patients, process payments to providers, obtain program data, provide program statistics, and, serves as a legal

document for health care services rendered. *Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit, Individuals, not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal Government. *Type of Respondents:* health care providers. Table 1 below provides: Data collection

instruments, Estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hour.

TABLE 1

Data collection instrument	Estimated number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Annual number of responses	Average burden hours per response*	Total annual burden hours
IHS-843-1A	9,115	43	393,416	0.05 (3 mins)	19,670
IDS**	21,797	1	21,797	0.05 (3 mins)	3,175

*For ease of understanding, burden hours are also provided in actual minutes.

**Inpatient Discharge Summary (IDS).

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function and whether the IHS processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (b) the accuracy of the public burden estimate (this is the amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information) and the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (d) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Send your written comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for IHS.

To request more information on the proposed collection or to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument(s) and/or instruction(s), contact: Mr. Lance

Hodahkwen, Sr., M.P.H., IHS Reports Clearance Officer, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852.1601, or call non-toll free (301) 443-1116 or send via facsimile to (301) 443-1522, or send your E-mail requests, comments, and return address to: lhodahkw@hqe.ihs.gov.

Comment Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before April 1, 1998.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Michael H. Trujillo,

Assistant Surgeon General Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Proposed Information Collection: Application for Participation in the IHS Scholarship Program; Request for Public Comment; 30 Days

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed information collection projects, the Indian Health Service (IHS) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection project was previously published in the October 9, 1997,

Federal Register (62 FR 52725) and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted to OMB.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: Title: 09-17-0006, "Application for Participation in the IHS Scholarship Program". *Type of Information Collection Request:* 3-year extension, with minor change, of currently approved information collection, 09-17-0006, "Application for Participation in the IHS Scholarship Program" which expires March 31, 1997. *Form Number(s):* IHS-856, 856-2 through 856-8, IHS-818, D-02, F-02, F-04, G-02, G-04, H-07, H-08, J-04, J-05, K-03, K-04, and L-03. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The IHS Scholarship Program forms collect information that is used to solicit, process and award scholarships, monitor the academic performance of awardees, and place awardees at payback sites. The data is needed to plan, manage, direct, operate and evaluate the IHS Scholarship Program. *Affected Public:* Individuals, Not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal Government. *Type of Respondents:* Students pursuing health care professions.

Table 1 below provides: Data collection instrument(s), Estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, Total annual response, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hours.

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Data collection instrument(s)	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual response	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours
Scholarship Application (856)	875	1	875	1.50	1,312
Checklist (856-2)	875	1	875	0.13	114

TABLE 1—Continued

Data collection instrument(s)	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual response	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours
Course Verification (856-3)	875	1	875	0.70	613
Faculty/Employer Application (856-4)	1,750	1	11,750	0.83	1,453
Justification (856-5)	875	1	875	0.75	656
Federal Debt (856-6)	875	1	875	0.13	114
MPH only (856-7)	50	1	50	0.83	42
Accept/Decline (856-8)	875	1	875	0.13	114
Stipend Checks (D-02)	100	1	100	0.13	13
Enrollment (F-02)	1,400	1	1,400	0.13	182
Academic Problem/Change (F-04)	100	1	100	0.13	13
Request Assistance (G-02)	217	1	217	0.13	28
Summer School (G-04)	193	1	193	0.10	19
Contract (818)	1,400	1	1,400	0.27	378
Placement (H-07)	250	1	250	0.18	45
Graduation (H-08)	250	1	250	0.17	43
Site Preference (J-04)	150	1	150	0.13	20
Travel Reimb (J-05)	150	1	150	0.10	15
Status Report (K-03)	250	1	250	0.25	63
Preferred Assignment (K-04)	200	1	200	0.75	150
Deferment (L-03)	20	1	20	0.13	3
Total	11,730	5,390

For ease of understanding burden hours are provided in actual minutes.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for comments

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Comment Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before April 1, 1998.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Document

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and associated environmental document.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and associated environmental document for the Alamosa-Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Complex in southern Colorado. The Service is issuing this notice in compliance with its policy to advise other organizations and the public of its

intentions and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be considered in the planning process.

DATES: Written comments should be received by April 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for more information should be sent to: Refuge Manager, Alamosa-Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 9383 El Rancho Lane, Alamosa, Colorado 81101-9003. Fax (719) 589-9184. E-mail: r6rw_alm@fws.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Blenden, Refuge Manager, (719) 589-4021 or visit the website: <http://www.r6.fws.gov/alamosanwr/>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Service has initiated comprehensive conservation planning for all properties of the Alamosa-Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Complex. This Complex is located near the town of Alamosa and Monte Vista, respectively, in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado. Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges were established under the authority of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act "for use as inviolate sanctuaries, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds". Comprehensive planning will develop management goals, objectives, and strategies to carry out the establishment purposes of the Refuges and comply with laws and policies governing refuge management and public use of refuges.

The Service requests inputs as to what issues, affecting management or public use, should be addressed during the planning process. The Service is