

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration.

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 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Hospice Cost Report and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.20, 413.24, and 418.310; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0249 (OMB # 0938-new); *Use:* Medicare certified hospice programs must file an annual cost report with HCFA. This report contains information on overhead costs, assets, depreciation, and compensation which will be used for hospice rate evaluations.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, and Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 1,720; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,720; *Total Annual Hours:* 302,720.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regsp/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to

the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Louis Blank, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated July 23, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. 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: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Agreement Application, Health Care Prepayment Plan; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-243; *Use:* An organization must meet certain requirements to be a Health Care Prepayment Plan that is eligible for a Medicare 1833 agreement. The application is the collection form used to obtain information from an organization that would allow HCFA staff to determine compliance with the regulations. This form includes requests for information about: the management of the applicant organization; arrangements for providing health care

to beneficiaries; meeting Medicare requirements for appeals, hearings, advance directives, health benefits; risk sharing with other entities; the fiscal soundness of the applicant; the cost budget, which forms the basis for HCFA payment; prevention of duplicate payment; and the applicant's marketing strategy. *Frequency:* One time; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Governments.; *Number of Respondents:* 15; *Total Annual Responses:* 15; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,125.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: John Rudolph, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which

would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: July 28, 1998.

Time: 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 600 Executive Blvd., Suite 409, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone conference Call).

Contact Person: Aida K. Vasquez, Grant Technical Assistant, Extramural Review Branch, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Suite 409, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-443-9788.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: July 30, 1998.

Date: 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 6000 Executive Blvd., Suite 409, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Aida K. Vasquez, Grant Technical Assistant, Extramural Review Branch, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Suite 409, 600 executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-443-9788.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 24, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with

attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council.

Date: September 14-15, 1998.

Open: September 14, 1998, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: Grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: September 14, 1998, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: September 15, 1998, 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Open: September 15, 1998, 11:00 AM to adjournment.

Agenda: Grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Walter S. Stolz, PhD, Director for Extramural Activities, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 24, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel. POSIT.

Date: July 28, 1998.

Time: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Lyle Furr, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-1644.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel. The Drug Abuse and Alcohol Problem Assessment for Primary Care Evaluation of a Substance Abuse Screening System.

Date: July 29, 1998.

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-49, Rockville, MD 20857 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Eric Zatman, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-1644.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel. Development of a Brief Drug Abuse Screening Instrument.

Date: July 29, 1998.

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-49, Rockville, MD 20857 (Telephone Conference Call).