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**William K. Hubbard,**  
Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy.  
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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

**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:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Independent Rural Health Center/Freestanding Federally Qualified Health Center Cost Report and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 413.20 and 413.24;

*Form No.:* HCFA-222;

*Use:* The independent rural health clinic/freestanding federally qualified health center (RHC/FQHC) cost report is the cost report to be used by the mentioned clinics/centers to submit annual information to achieve a settlement of costs for health care services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries. This form is used to collect the pertinent information from the RHC's and FQHC's in order to determine their Medicare cost reimbursement;

*Frequency:* Annually;

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, local or tribal

government, and business or other for-profit;

*Number of Respondents:* 3,000;

*Total Annual Responses:* 3,000;

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 150,000.

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/reg/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

**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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#### Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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 (DHHS), 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 of the 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. The fact that this collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, Part 1320, will cause public harm. We are requesting an emergency review.

If HCFA cannot disseminate information in a timely manner to partners who work with Medicare beneficiaries, as benefits counselors, the beneficiaries will not be able to make informed choices. The present request is for OMB authorization to collect data on the reactions of users of the web site, [www.medicare.gov/nmep](http://www.medicare.gov/nmep). We will use the data to improve the web site so that it can best serve the needs of the users. The designers of the web site are preparing new sections, functionality, and updates and will introduce changes to the site by the end of July 1999. Expedited review of this submission is requested so that pending enhancements and updates incorporate information collected from users. With an expedited review, the staff of the web site will have evaluation findings in sufficient time to guide the revisions planned for the site. In addition to the need for having feedback to implement anticipated changes in the web site, the World Wide Web site was created through Federal law and requires a systematic assessment. Under the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, a provision was established to provide information to beneficiaries in order to promote informed choice. One activity for widely disseminating information on coverage options, that was required, was the creation of "an Internet site through which individuals may electronically obtain information on such options and Medicare+ Choice (MEDICARE+CHOICE) plans in states which MEDICARE+CHOICE plans are offered." As a result, the [medicare.gov/nmep](http://medicare.gov/nmep) site was created to provide Medicare beneficiaries, their caregivers, and partners with an official source for Medicare information on the Internet. This site, [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov), was designed for partners in the national Alliance network and for others interested in providing and disseminating up-to-date

and timely information on the National Medicare Education Program to Medicare beneficiaries. The Alliance Network was "designed as a proactive alliance that helps each member organization improve program outcomes." Comprehensive information for partners involved in helping Medicare beneficiaries with their health care decisions is available on the [medicare.gov/nmep](http://medicare.gov/nmep) web site. We need to receive quick feedback from our partners about the usefulness of the site to ensure that we are meeting their needs. Given that we are in the middle of the National Medicare Education campaign, without an expedited clearance, we would be unable to make changes to the [medicare.gov/nmep](http://medicare.gov/nmep) web site based on feedback from Alliance members and other consumers and to conduct an ongoing review.

The purpose of this submission is to request approval to collect information from Internet users as they exit from the web site [medicare.gov/nmep](http://medicare.gov/nmep) which is provided by the Health Care Financing Administration. It is critical to obtain feedback from users of this web site so that the agency can continually revise the site to respond to the needs of the partners and Medicare beneficiaries. As part of the effort to determine how the web site can serve the partners best, we request approval from OMB of "bounceback" form. Internet users will fill out a bounceback form after visiting the web site. The results of the form will be compiled and studied so that future revisions to the web site are guided by the needs and preferences of the people who use the web sites.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by July 7, 1999, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individual designated below, by July 6, 1999.

During this 180-period, HCFA will pursue OMB clearance of this collection as stipulated by 5 CFR 1320.

*Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* New Collection;

*Title of Information Collection:*

Collection of Assessment Information on the HCFA website:

[www.medicare.gov/nmep](http://www.medicare.gov/nmep);

*Form Nos.:* HCFA-R-0286;

*Use:* The purpose of the bounceback forms is to provide feedback to HCFA. The information collected through the bounceback form will be used in conjunction with other information collected about the web sites through focus groups and interviews with members of the Alliance Network. The combined information will guide future improvements to the web sites. There is

no plan to disseminate the information, other than through public health, medical, or other professional journals, in which we may report the results.

*Frequency:* Users will have the opportunity to complete the bounceback form whenever they exit the web site.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for profit, and not for profit institutions;

*Number of Respondents:* 49,300;

*Total Annual Responses:* 49,300;

*Total Annual Hours:* 5,752;

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/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and record keeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designee referenced below by July 6, 1999:

Health Care Financing Administration,  
Office of Information Services,  
Security and Standards Group,  
Division of HCFA Enterprise  
Standards, Room N2-14-26, 7500  
Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD  
21244-1850. Fax Number: (410) 786-  
0262 Attn: Louis Blank HCFA-R-  
0286

and,

Office of Information and Regulatory  
Affairs, Office of Management and  
Budget, Room 10235, New Executive  
Office Building, Washington, DC  
20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974  
or (202) 395-5167 Attn: Allison  
Herron Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: June 17, 1999.

**John Parmigiani,**

*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 (DHHS)

### Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

#### Program Announcement CFDA #93.576: Refugee Resettlement Program; Community and Family Strengthening

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ACF, DHHS

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of FY 1999 discretionary social service funds for refugee<sup>1</sup> community and family strengthening and integration.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Refugee Resettlement invites eligible entities to submit competitive grant applications for community and family strengthening and integration services. Applications will be screened and evaluated based on criteria as indicated in this program announcement and the availability of funds.

**CLOSING DATE:** For submission of applications is July 27, 1999. For more application information, see Part IV of this announcement.

**ANNOUNCEMENT AVAILABILITY:** This announcement is published on the ORR website at: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna Mary Portz, Program Manager, ACF/ORR Division of Community Resettlement, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20447 telephone (202) 401-1196, or e-mail: [aportz@acf.dhhs.gov](mailto:aportz@acf.dhhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This announcement consists of four parts: Part I. Background—Legislative Authority, Funding Availability, Purpose and Objectives; Part II. Project and Applicant Eligibility—Eligible Applicants, Project Period; Part III. The Review Process—Intergovernmental Review, Initial ACF Screening, Competitive Review, Review Criteria;

<sup>1</sup> In addition to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43, eligibility for refugee social services also includes: (1) Cuban and Haitian entrants, under section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-422); (2) certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants under section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988, as included in the FY 1988 Continuing Resolution (Pub. L. No. 100-202); and (3) certain Amerasians from Vietnam, including U.S. citizens, under title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1989 (Pub. L. No. 100-461), 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-167) and 1991 (Pub. L. No. 101-513). For convenience, the term "refugee" is used in this notice to encompass all such eligible persons unless the specific context indicates otherwise.