

for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: May 4, 2001.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense will submit to OMB for emergency processing, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title and OMB Number:* TRICARE for Life Beneficiary Information Update Form; OMB Number 0720-[To Be Determined].

*Type of Request:* New Collection; Emergency processing requested with a shortened public comment period ending May 22, 2001. An approval date by May 25, 2001 has been requested.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,200,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 1,200,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 99,600.

*Needs and Uses:* The Department of Defense (DoD), TRICARE Management Activity, will collect Medicare and other health insurance information in support of the TRICARE for Life Program. This information is necessary to allow the Department to accurately interface with Medicare to validate Medicare Part A and Part B coverage in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, prior to extending TRICARE's health benefits to TRICARE eligible beneficiaries. Additionally, DoD will collect other health insurance information prospectively to allow the accurate adjudication of claims for health benefits. Other health insurance information is routinely collected during the health care claims adjudication process; however, delaying the collection of this information for approximately 1.5 million new

TRICARE for Life beneficiaries will result in very significant delays in the adjudication of TRICARE for Life medical claims. As such, the Department will request Medicare and other health insurance information from TRICARE for Life beneficiaries early this summer to maximize the delivery of health care financing service provided TRICARE for Life beneficiaries on October 1, 2001. It is important to note that no benefits will be denied as a result of a beneficiary electing not to provide the information. The Department will implement normal processes for obtaining the required information during the claims adjudication process for any beneficiary who elects not to provide the information prospectively.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* One-Time.

*Respondent's obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Stuart Shapiro.

Written comments and

recommendation on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Shapiro at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD (Health Affairs), Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 13, 2001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 8, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Federal Direct Loan Program and Federal Family Education Loan Program Teacher Loan Forgiveness Forms.

*Frequency:* Annually Other: once for the application and annually for the forbearance.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 21,425.

Burden Hours: 6,929.

*Abstract:* Borrowers who received loans from the William D. Ford Federal

Direct Loan Program and/or the Federal Family Education Loan Program and who teach in low-income areas for five complete consecutive years, and who meet other requirements will use this application to receive up to \$5,000 of their subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Direct Subsidize Loans, and/or Direct Unsubsidized loans forgiven. The information on the forbearance form will be used to determine whether borrowers with low balances are eligible for forbearance while they are performing qualifying teaching service.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Dated: May 8, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer*

### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Ability to Benefit Testing Approval.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 150,090

Burden Hours: 77,040

*Abstract:* The Secretary will publish a list of approved tests which can be used by postsecondary educational institutions to establish the ability to benefit for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent for Student Financial Assistance Programs.

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