

(OASD(HA)/TMA) will undertake an evaluation of the DoD's TRICARE Standard healthcare option. HPA&E will collect and analyze data that are necessary to meet the requirements outlined in section 702 of the Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY2008.

Activities include the collection and analyses of data obtained confidentially from civilian physicians (M.D.s & D.O.s) and at least psychologists within U.S. geographic areas. Specifically, mail surveys with telephone follow-up of civilian providers will be conducted in the TRICARE market areas to determine how many healthcare providers are accepting new patients under TRICARE Standard in each market area. The surveys will be conducted in at least 40 TRICARE geographic areas in the United States each fiscal year through and including fiscal year 2011. Representatives of TRICARE beneficiaries and selected provider groups will be consulted to identify potential locations.

In addition, section 702 of the FY 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires the Department to conduct annual surveys of beneficiary access experience and the availability to access civilian providers under TRICARE Standard and Extra program through FY 2011. These issues address the interests of Congress in reconciliation of responses of providers and beneficiaries who use TRICARE.

Surveys of civilian healthcare providers (M.D.s and D.O.s) and beneficiaries eligible for TRICARE Standard/Extra care will be conducted in at least 40 TRICARE Prime service areas each year. The objective of this effort is to determine if TRICARE beneficiaries have difficulty in finding health care providers willing to provide services under Standard or Extra, and the extent to which providers in the area participate in Standard/Extra.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOD-2007-OS-0128]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

### ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instructions, please write to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Defense Manpower Data Center, Attn: LCDR Shenae Morrow, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955.

*Title and OMB Control Number:* Application for Department of Defense Access Card—Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) Enrollment; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement is needed to obtain the necessary data to verify eligibility for a Department of Defense

physical access card for personnel who are not entitled to a Common Access Card or other approved DoD identification card. The information is used to establish eligibility for the physical access to a DoD installation or facility, detect fraudulent identification cards, provide physical access and population demographic reports, provide law enforcement data, and in some cases provide anti-terrorism screening.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 50,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 300,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Summary of Information Collection

DoD Directive 1000.25 *DoD Personnel Identity Protection (PIP) Program*, July 2004, establishes policy for the implementation and operation of the PIP Program, to include use of DoD identity credentials and operation of the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS). The DBIDS is a force protection tool of the law enforcement community, utilizing a centralized, rules-based, identity management and access verification system. Consistent with guidance contained in DoD Regulation 5200.08, *Physical Security Program*, April 2007, DBIDS will produce an identification card that will aid security personnel in identifying, controlling, and accounting for non-DoD personnel entering military installations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOD-2007-OS-0129]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

### ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel

and Readiness) announces the following proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Department of Defense Education Activity, *Attn:* Dr. Sandra D. Embler, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635, or call at (703) 588-3175.

*Title and OMB Control Number:* Department of Defense Educational Activity (DoDEA) Customer Satisfaction Survey for Sponsors and Students, OMB Control Number 0704-0421.

*Needs and Uses:* The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Customer Satisfaction Survey for Sponsors and Students is a tool used to measure the satisfaction level of sponsors and students with the

programs and services provided by DoDEA. This collection is necessary to meet the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, Public Law 103-62; 107 Stat. 285, that requires agencies to have strategic plans and to consult with affected persons. A major purpose of the regulation is to improve Federal program effectiveness and public accountability by promoting a new focus on results, service quality, and customer satisfaction.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,167.

*Number of Respondents:* 6,500.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Customer Satisfaction Survey for Sponsors and Students will be administered to DoDEA students in grades 4-12, and to all parents and/or sponsors of DoDEA students. Participating in the survey is completely voluntary and will be administered through an online, Web-based technology. In order to have comparison between DoDEA parents and parents of students in U.S. public schools, some survey questions from the Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward Schools will be used. Additional survey questions were developed to address specific issues and needs within DoDEA. The surveys will give parents/sponsors and students an opportunity to comment on their overall levels of satisfaction with DoDEA schools, as well as on specific programmatic issues related to Department of Defense schools, including curriculum, communication, and technology. The surveys will be administered biennially.

The information derived from these surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts, and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services offered to DoDEA's students. The survey results will also be used as an outcome measure to monitor progress on the goals of the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

[DOD-2007-OS-0126]

#### **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Proposed Rules Changes**

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the following proposed changes to Rule 27(b), 30(e), and 36(A) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for public notice and comment. New language is in bold print. Language to be deleted is marked by a strikethrough.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed changes must be received within 30 days of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and/or RIN number and title, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions is to make them available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William A. DeCicco, Clerk of the Court, telephone (202) 761-1448.

Dated: November 21, 2007.

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