

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 Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid, EPSDT, Maternal and Child Health; *Form No.:* HCFA-416; *Use:* States are required to submit annual EPSDT program reports to HCFA pursuant to Section 1902(a) (43) of the Social Security Act. These reports provide HCFA with data necessary to assess the effectiveness of State EPSDT programs, to develop trend patterns and projections nationally, and respond to inquiries. Respondents are State Medicaid agencies; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 56; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,568.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources And Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

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 the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Application and Regulations, and NHSC State Loan Repayment Program Regulations (OMB No. 0915-0127)—

Revision and Extension—The NHSC LRP was established to assure an adequate supply of trained primary care health professionals to the neediest communities in the Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) of the United States. Under this program, the Department of Health and Human Services agrees to repay the educational

loans of the primary care health professionals. In return, the health professionals agree to serve for a specified period of time in a federally-designated HPSA approved by the Secretary for LRP participants. The State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) is a similar program administered by the States, with matching funds provided by the Federal Government.

This request for extension of OMB approval will include the NHSC LRP application and loan verification form, as well as two minor regulatory requirements, one for the NHSC LRP and the other for the SLRP (described in footnotes to the burden table).

In an effort to improve the procedure for recruiting NHSC LRP applicants and to alleviate some of the burden and delay in the application process, three minor changes are being proposed:

(1) Instead of submitting a copy of the signed employment contract with the application, the applicant will submit a "Site Information Form," which requires information from the applicant about the proposed employment site, and requires only a signature and date from the Site Administrator/Executive Officer. This change will allow HRSA to begin consideration of the application at an earlier stage, since a signed employment contract generally takes more time to negotiate.

(2) A new one-page form, "The Request for Method of Advanced Loan Repayment" form, will be included with the application. It provides a description of three methods of payment (quarterly, annually and biennially), and asks applicants to select the method they prefer.

(3) Applicants now obtain a self-report from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) which they submit with the application form. To obtain that report, the applicant must submit a written request to the NPDB. To expedite that process, HRSA proposes to send the NPDB request form with the LRP application.

Estimates of Annualized Hour Burden: The changes to the application process are not expected to have a significant impact on applicant burden. Burden estimates are as follows:

| Form/regulatory requirement | Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Hours per response | Total burden hours |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| NHSC LRP Application | 800 | 1 | 1.5 | 1,200 |
| Loan Verification Form | *400 | 1 | .25 | 100 |
| Regulatory Requirements** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 1,201 | 1 | 1.08 | 1,301 |

* The remainder of the loans are verified through credit reports.

^{**42} CFR 62.26(b)(2) requires that LRP participants who continue graduate training after acceptance into the program must submit documentation annually of their training status. This provision has not been used for some time because all recent participants have completed graduate training prior to entry into the program.

42 CFR 62.54 requires States to submit annual applications to participate in the SLRP. The application burden is included in a separate clearance package because the program uses a standard grant application form.

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: June 19, 1997.

James J. Corrigan,

Acting Associate Administrator for Management and Program Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. PRT-821577

Applicant: Duane Shroufe, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-819531

Applicant: Russell B. Duncan, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-828823

Applicant: Dr. Bryon K. Clarke, Durant, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests authorization to survey for, capture, and release unharmed at capture sites Ozark big-eared bats (*Plecotus townsendii ingens*), Indiana gray bats (*Myotis sodalis*), and gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) occurring in Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Cherokee, Choctaw, Delaware, Johnston, Latimer,

LeFlore, Marshall, McCurtain, Ottawa, Pushmataha, and Sequoyah Counties, Oklahoma.

Permit No. PRT-828830

Applicant: Jeffrey R. Simms, Tucson, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to survey, take, handle, measure, weigh, photograph, and immediately release unharmed at capture sites lesser long-nosed bats (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*), Gila topminnows (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis*), desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*), woundfin (*Plagopterus argentissimus*), Virgin River chub (*Gila robusta seminuda*), and razorback suckers (*Xyrauchen texanus*).

Permit No. PRT-828916

Applicant: Becky Yeager, Logan, Utah.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) between the mouth of the Virgin River Gorge near Littlefield, Arizona, to the Arizona side of Lake Mead.

Permit No. PRT-829362

Applicant: Dr. Bruce Thompson, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct a nest watch program for bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and to survey for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-829114

Applicant: Dr. Joyce Maschinski, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to collect the following seedheads from Arizona cliffrose (*Purshia subintegra*) in the Verde Valley, Arizona; seedheads from San Francisco Peaks groundsel (*Senecio franciscanus*) from the San Francisco Peaks, Arizona; cuttings from the Todsen's pennyroyal (*Hedeoma todsenii*) in the Sacramento Mountains, New Mexico; fruits from the Holy Ghost ipomopsis (*Ipomopsis sanctispiritus*) from Holy Ghost Canyon, New Mexico; and fruits from Sacramento prickly-poppy (*Argemone pleiacantha ssp. pinnathisects*) in each of the 7 drainages on the west side of the Sacramento Mountains, New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-829118

Applicant: Deborah M. Finch, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for

southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) at the Rio Grande Nature Center in Albuquerque, and at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in Socorro, New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-829191

Applicant: Jerry D. Fife, Laveen, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to obtain radiated (*Geochelone radiata*) and Galapagos (*Geochelone elephantopus*) tortoises and breed them in Arizona.

Permit No. PRT-829243

Applicant: Amy M. Kear, Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) within New Mexico.

Permit No. PRT-829281

Applicant: Charles J. Burt, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), aplomado falcons (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), Mexican spotted owls (*Strix occidentals lucida*), peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), and cactus ferruginous pygmy-owls (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Permit No. PRT-829960

Applicant: Jonathan Thompson, Kingsville, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to survey for, band, and radio-mark piping plovers (*Charadrius melodus*) along the southern Gulf Coast of Texas.

Permit No. PRT-828963

Applicant: Dr. Stuart Henry Woods, Warner, Oklahoma.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) in Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

Permit No. PRT-829761

Applicant: Linda Rundell, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for aplomado falcons (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*), southwestern willow flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Mexican spotted owls (*Strix*