

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondents Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Office 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: June 27, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Mental Health Wrap-Around Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of demonstration project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a demonstration project (an amendment to the managed care support contract in regions 7 and 8), in which DoD will enroll a certain number of significantly emotionally disturbed children in TRICARE Regions 7 and 8 into a Mental Health Wraparound demonstration project. In order to be eligible for this project, children must be between the ages of 4 and 16 at the time of enrollment, have a serious emotional disturbance that is generally regarded as amenable to treatment, and, at the time of referral, require at least residential level of care, utilizing Health Management Strategies International, Inc. (HMSI) criteria, or are preparing for discharge from a residential or inpatient facility and are at high risk for recidivism. Additionally, a current DSM IV diagnosis is required. Children and adolescents who have a DSM IV diagnosis which is not generally regarded as either serious and/or amenable to treatment are not eligible for this demonstration. Parental consent is a necessary prerequisite to being enrolled in the demonstration.

The purpose of this demonstration is to determine if: wraparound services

provided through comprehensive and continued management of care for child and adolescent mental health patients: (1) Enables shorter inpatient stays and reduces recidivism for inpatient treatment and, (2) reduce costs of inpatient psychiatric and residential care. The contractor shall share financial risk by accepting as a maximum annual payment for such services a case rate reimbursement not in excess of the amount of the annual standard CHAMPUS residential treatment benefit payable (as determined in accordance with section 8.1 of chapter 3 of volume II of the CHAMPUS policy manual). All participants enrolled in this project will be considered as TRICARE Prime enrollees for the purpose of applicable co-pays.

Traditionally, mental health services to children and adolescents have constituted a large portion of CHAMPUS reimbursement costs for DoD. The most expensive form of these services has been the long term residential treatment of children. The efficacy of this treatment modality compared to other emerging less traditional programs has not been assessed sufficiently to determine if it is the most appropriate in terms of patient outcomes and costs. These services have been generally supported through a fee for service or per diem basis. With the transition to managed care principles and practices in DoD, attempts to control costs while maintaining or improving the quality of medical care provided to our beneficiaries has driven DoD to question the traditional mental health delivery systems.

Although the standard CHAMPUS mental health benefit is generous as compared to industry standards, non-institutional benefits currently offered are conservative. They may not lend themselves to well to innovative, managed care efforts which try to effectively treat patients in the least restrictive and most cost effective health care settings. Local, supportive, and individualized services based on the specific needs of the emotionally disturbed child or adolescent are thought to lead to greater improvement in outcomes and relationships with other family members, and in less need for institutional care. The demonstration will provide residential and wraparound services, including nontraditional mental health services that will assist the child to be maintained in the least-restrictive and least-costly setting. The demonstration will offer benefits not currently available under CHAMPUS reimbursement; specifically, alternative

living arrangements (therapeutic foster care; therapeutic group living; brief, time-limited respite services in a residential setting; and crisis stabilization in a residential setting), and psychiatric home health care.

The contractor shall ensure a network of facilities is available to service the participants in the demonstration. This shall be a community-based program, utilizing established network and local resources. No mental health services shall be provided which are directly related to custodial care or determined to be primarily educational. All mental health providers used in this demonstration will be CHAMPUS authorized. Providers of unique, CHAMPUS excluded benefits must meet national/local licensing standards and/or credentialing mandates, (i.e. foster care/day care providers).

Upon initial evaluation at the comprehensive treatment facility, each beneficiary in the demonstration project, will be afforded the services of a case manager, who will coordinate and monitor all services provided by each and every member of the client's treatment team. Case managers will, beyond case coordination, have the latitude to make implementation decisions about the provisions of all unique mental health services.

A Clinical Management Committee will be established for the purpose of overseeing the quality of the clinical programs included in this demonstration project. The Clinical Management Committee will include multidisciplinary members.

Portability of like services within regional boundaries may also threaten the efficacy of mental health treatment for DoD beneficiaries in this age group. The continuation of support for these children regardless of their location within the regional boundaries will be an important part of this demonstration. This seamless continuum of care offered to these children will contribute to their recovery with the most effective use of available resources. The demonstration will ensure that wraparound services will continue to be provided to an enrolled child who moves to another location within TRICARE Regions 7/8 during the period of the demonstration.

The demonstration project will be evaluated using predetermined outcome oriented treatment objectives. The evaluation will assess the feasibility of implementing the program throughout the military health service system. DoD will conduct this demonstration for a period of at least two years from November 1, 1997, through September 30, 1999. This demonstration project is being conducted under the authority of

10 U.S.C. 1092 and section 716 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public L. 104-106).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marion Gosnell or Dr. John Sentell, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), telephone (703) 697-8975.

Dated: June 27, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Active Duty Service Determination for Civilian or Contractual Groups

On June 2, 1997, the Secretary of the Air Force determined that the service of the group known as "Yugoslavians attached to Headquarters 2677th Regiment, Office of Strategic Services (Prov.), Bari, Italy, who served in a military capacity with the United States Armed Forces in German occupied Yugoslavia" shall not be considered "active duty" under the provisions of Public Law 95-202 for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).

Barbara A. Carmichael,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Transfer of the Common-Use Ground Communication-Electronics Maintenance Workload From Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, California, to Tobyhanna Army Depot, Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510 (as amended), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) recommended the transfer of the Common-Use Ground Communication-Electronics (GCE) maintenance from the Sacramento Air Logistics Center (SM-

ALC), McClellan Air Force Base, Sacramento, California, to Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD), Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates the anticipated environmental impacts associated with the proposed transfer of the GCE maintenance and 982 associated civilian positions from SM-ALC to TYAD. This transfer includes upgrading and renovating existing facilities and transferring test facilities and equipment to support mission receipt at TYAD. No new major construction is necessary.

The EA, which is incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact, examines potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on 13 resource areas and areas of environmental concern: land use, air quality, noise, water resources, geology, infrastructure, training areas, hazardous and toxic materials, biological resources and ecosystems, cultural resources, the sociological environment, economic development, and quality of life.

As the workload being relocated largely offsets recently experienced and projected future reductions at TYAD, the analysis found in the EA determined that the potential impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment from these relocations and facilities renovations would be temporary and not significant and would be mitigated through the use of best management practices. Therefore, implementation of the proposed action, subject to public comment, will not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: Inquiries will be accepted until August 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the EA or inquiries into the FNSI may be obtained by writing to the Commander, Tobyhanna Army Depot, ATTN: SIOTY-PA (Mr. Kevin Toolan), 11 Hap Arnold Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5076, or calling (717) 895-7308.

Dated: June 30, 1997.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Notice of Intent to Solicit National Industrial Competitiveness Through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³) Grants

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Issue a Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The Office of Industrial Technologies of the Department of Energy is funding a State Grant Program entitled National Industrial Competitiveness through Energy, Environment and Economics (NICE³). The goals of the NICE³ Program are to improve energy efficiency, promote cleaner production, and to improve competitiveness in industry. The intent of the NICE³ program is to fund innovative projects that have completed the research and development stage and are ready to demonstrate a fully integrated commercial unit. Some industrial technologies that the NICE³ program has funded follow: SO₃ Cleaning Process in the Manufacture of Semiconductors; Innovative Design of a Brick Kiln Using Low Thermal Mass Technology; Continuously Reform Electroless Nickel Plating Solutions; Fiber Loading for Paper Manufacture; and HCl Acid Recovery System. For the past seven years the NICE³ program has offered 78 grants (approximately \$25.3 million) to fund innovative industrial technologies. In 1997 the Department of Energy offered \$4.8 million in grants to 13 U.S. companies in 11 states.

Restricted Eligibility: Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under the program include any authorized agency of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State agency applicants. Local governments, State and private universities, private non-profits, private businesses and individuals, who are not eligible as direct applicants, must work with the appropriate State agencies in developing projects and forming participation arrangements. DOE requires these types of cooperative arrangements in support of program goals. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.105. Cost sharing is required by all participants. The Federal Government will provide up to 45 percent of the funds for the project. The