

person before August 9, 1997, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed committee deliberations: On September 15, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). FDA staff will present trade secret and/or confidential information regarding pending and future submissions.

FDA regrets that it was unable to publish this notice 15 days prior to the September 15 and 16, 1997, General Hospital and Personal Use Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring this issue to public discussion and qualified members of the General Hospital and Personal Use Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: August 19, 1997.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-255]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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:* Municipal Health Services Cost Report Form, and supporting regulations 42 CFR 405.371; *Form No.:* HCFA-255; *Use:* The Municipal Health Services Program (MHSP) Cost Report (HCFA-255) is used by the participating MHSP clinics to report costs for health care services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries. It is also used to gather data to properly evaluate the MHSP demonstration. This form has been used since 1979. *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 14; *Total Annual Responses:* 14; *Total Annual Hours:* 476.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to 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 30 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office for Protection From Research Risks; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Protection of Human Subjects: Assurance Identification/Certification/Declaration

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: Protection of Human Subjects: Assurance Identification/Certification/Declaration. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension. *OMB Control Number:* 0925-0418. *Expiration Date:* 12/31/97. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects was promulgated on June 18, 1991 (56 FR 28003) and requires applicant and awardee institutions receiving Federal funds to initiate procedures to report, disclose and keep required records for the protection of human subjects of research. Optional Form 310, Protection of Human Subjects: Assurance Identification/Certification/Declaration is necessary for the implementation and administration of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements set forth in the Federal Policy. *Frequency of Response:* On occasion. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government. *Type of Respondents:* Researchers. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,831. *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 56.8. *Average burden hours per response:* 0.755; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 164,428. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$2,096. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the

following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Michele Russell-Einhorn, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Office for Protection from Research Risks, NIH, 6100 Executive Blvd., Suite 3B01, Rockville, MD 20892-7507, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-7005 x236 or E-mail your request, including your address to:

<Einhornm@OD31tm1.od.nih.gov>.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before October 21, 1997.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Gary B. Ellis,

Director, OPRR.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting.

Name of SEP: National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 28, 1997.

Closed: 4:00 p.m. to adjournment.

Place: Conference Call, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 38A, Rm. 5S-504, Bethesda, Maryland 20894.

Contact: Peter Clepper, Acting Scientific Review Administrator, EP, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 38A, Rm. 5S-506, Bethesda, Maryland 20894, 301/496-4621.

Purpose/Agenda: To review Fellowship Grant applications.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93-879—Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: August 18, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NLM.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-09]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as requested by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: October 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8226, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald J. Sepanik at (202) 708-1060, Ext. 334 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed questions and other available documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as requested by the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automation collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This Notice also lists the following information:

OMB Control Number: 2528-0016.

Title of Proposal: The 1998 American Housing Survey—Metropolitan Sample.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The 1998 American Housing Survey—Metropolitan Sample (AHS-MS) provides a periodic measure of the size and composition of the housing inventory in selected metropolitan areas. Title 12, United States Code, Sections 1701Z-1, 1701Z-2(g), and 1701Z-10a mandates the collection of this information.

The 1998 survey is similar to previous AHS-MS surveys and collects data on subjects such as the amount and types of changes in the inventory, the physical condition of the inventory, the characteristics of the occupants, the persons eligible for and beneficiaries of assisted housing by race and ethnicity, and the number and characteristics of vacancies.

Policy analysts, program managers, budget analysts, and Congressional staff use AHS data to advise executive and legislative branches about housing conditions and the suitability of policy initiatives. Academic researchers and private organizations also use AHS data in efforts of specific interest and concern to their respective communities.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) needs the AHS data for two important uses.

1. With these data, policy analysts can monitor the interaction among housing needs, demand and supply, as well as changes in housing conditions and costs, to aid in the development of housing policies and the design of housing programs appropriate for