

projections, and proposed funding levels. As applicable, the Office makes recommendations regarding the clearance and closure of audits of grantee programs, paying particular attention to financial management deficiencies that decrease the efficiency and effectiveness of the ACF programs and taking steps to monitor the resolution of such deficiencies. The Office oversees the management and coordination of office automation systems in the region such as PC Cost and HS Cost systems for budget analysis of Head Start Applications and monitors grantee systems projects such as the Head Start Program Information Report, Head Start Management Tracking System and the Head Start Bulletin Board.

The Office represents the Regional Administrator in dealing with entities receiving ACF funding on all matters under its jurisdiction and in providing early warnings on problems or issues that may have significant implications for ACF programs.

C. The Office of State and Youth Programs is headed by an Assistant Regional Administrator who reports to the Regional Administrator. This unit is comprised of two programmatic teams, the Child Support Team and the Child Welfare, Youth and Developmental Disabilities Team. Each team is responsible for both program and fiscal operations in their program areas.

The Office is responsible for providing centralized, management, financial management services, and technical administration of ACF formula, block and entitlement programs such as Child Support Enforcement, Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, Child Welfare, Family Preservation and Support Services, Child Abuse and Neglect, Developmental Disabilities and the discretionary Runaway and Homeless Youth Program.

The Office provides policy guidance to state, county, city, or town and tribal governments and public and private organizations to assure consistent and uniform adherence to federal requirements governing ACF grants. State plans are reviewed and recommendations concerning state plan approval or disapproval are made to the Regional Administrator. The Office provides technical assistance to entities responsible for administering ACF grants, resolving identified problems and ensuring adoption of appropriate procedures and practices that promote policy compliance and program efficiency and effectiveness.

The Office provides financial management oversight for ACF grants

under its jurisdiction, reviews cost allocation plans, program objectives, budget projections, cost estimates and reports. The Office performs systematic fiscal reviews and makes recommendations to the Regional Administrator to approve, defer, or disallow claims for financial participation in ACF grants. As applicable, the Office makes recommendations regarding the clearance and closure of audits, paying particular attention to financial management deficiencies of ACF programs and closely monitors the resolution of such deficiencies.

The Office oversees the management and coordination of external automated systems. The external systems responsibilities include monitoring state systems projects and providing technical assistance to states on the development enhancement of automated systems. The Office represents the Regional Administrator on State systems matters with ACF central office, states, contractors and grantees.

The Office represents the Regional Administrator in dealing with entities receiving ACF funding on all matters under its jurisdiction, and in providing early warnings on problems or issues that may have significant implications for ACF programs.

Dated: October 2, 1997.

Olivia A. Golden,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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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.

1. Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Psychiatric Unit Criteria Work Sheet, Rehabilitation Unit Criteria Work Sheet, Rehabilitation Hospital Criteria Work sheet and Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 412.20-412.32; *Form No.:* HCFA-437, OMB # 0938-0358; *Use:* Rehabilitation hospitals and Psychiatric hospital units that are excluded from the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) must complete the criteria work sheets to verify and reverify that they comply and remain in compliance with the exclusion criteria for the Medicare prospective payment system. These forms capture information that will allow Medicare to reimburse these facilities on the basis of a nationally-determined average standardized amounts, i.e., a prospective payment type system. *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 2,555; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,555; *Total Annual Hours:* 639.

2. Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements Referenced in 42 CFR 411.404(c)(2)+(3), 411.406(c)+(d); Procedures for Determining Whether Providers, Practitioners, or other suppliers of services are liable for certain noncovered services; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-77, OMB # 0938-0465; *Use:* BERC-273-F requires Peer Review Organizations (PROs) to provide written notification of noncovered services to beneficiaries and/or providers, practitioners and suppliers. The notification provides provider, practitioner or supplier with knowledge that Medicare will not pay for items or services mentioned in the notification. After this notification, any future claim for the same or similar services will not be paid. *Frequency:* Monthly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 724,271; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,897,085; *Total Annual Hours:* 241,424.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, 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 by November 7, 1997 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: September 30, 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

Health Care Financing Administration

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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:** Indirect Medical Education (IME) and Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 412.105; **Form No.:** HCFA-R-64 OMB # 0938-0456; **Use:**

The collection of information on Interns and Residents (IR) is needed to properly calculate Medicare program payments to hospitals that incur indirect costs for medical education. The reports provide contractors with information to ensure that hospitals are properly reimbursed for IME, and eliminate IME duplicate reporting. **Frequency:** Annually; **Affected Public:** Not-for profit institutions, Business or other for-profit; **Number of Respondents:** 1300; **Total Annual Responses:** 1300; **Total Annual Hours:** 3,250.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, 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 by November 7, 1997 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: September 23, 1997.

John P. Burke III,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of November 1997.

Name: Maternal and Child Health Research Grants Review Committee

Date and Time: November 12-14, 1997, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room "O", Parklawn Building, 3rd Floor, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Open on Wednesday, November 12, 1997, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Closed for remainder of meeting.

Agenda: The open portion of the meeting will cover opening remarks by the Director, Division of Science, Education and Analysis, who will report on program issues,

congressional activities and other topics of interest to the field of maternal and child health. The meeting will be closed to the public on November 12 at 10:00 a.m. for the remainder of the meeting for the review of grant applications. The closing is in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination by the Acting Associate Administrator for Management and Program Support, Health Resources and Services Administration, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Anyone requiring information regarding the subject Council should contact Gontran Lamberty, Dr.P.H., Executive Secretary, Maternal and Child Health Research Grants Review Committee, Room 18A-55, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443-2190.

Agenda Items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

Jane M. Harrison,

Acting Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination, HRSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Proposed Collection: Comment Request (The Cardiovascular Health Study)

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 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), 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:** The Cardiovascular Health Study. **Type of Information Request:** NEW. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** This study will quantify associations between conventional and hypothetical risk factors and coronary heart disease and stroke in people age 65 years and older. The primary objectives include quantifying associations of risk factors with subclinical disease, characterize the natural history of CHD, stroke and identify factors associated with clinical course. The findings will provide important information on cardiovascular disease in an older U.S. population and lead to early treatment of risk factors associated with disease