

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.

3. HCFA-841-853 *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier, Certificate of Medical Necessity; *Form Nos.*: HCFA-841-853 (formally HCFA-R-182); *Use*: A Certificate of Medical Necessity is a standardized format used to communicate information provide by an attending physician and a supplier of medical equipment and supplies. The information is used by carriers to determine the medical necessity of an item or service covered by the Medicare program and being used for the treatment of the Medicare beneficiary's condition. The CMNs being submitted for OMB review are necessary in order for HCFA to determine the medical necessity of the item or service. The information needed to make this determination requires application of medical judgment that can only be provided by a physician or other clinician who is familiar with the condition of the beneficiary; *Frequency*: On Occasion; *Affected Public*: Suppliers and physicians, business or other for-profit, federal government; *Number of Respondents*: 140,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 6.8 million; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 1.7 million.

To obtain copies of 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 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, DC. 20503.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

Edwin J. Glatzel,

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Health Resources and Services Administration

"Low Income Levels" for Health Professions and Nursing Programs

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a "low income family" for the purpose of providing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds under various health professions and nursing programs included in titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act (the Act).

The Department periodically publishes in the Federal Register low income levels used for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. A "low income level" is one of the factors taken into consideration to determine if an individual qualifies as a disadvantaged student for purposes of health professions and nursing programs.

The programs under the Act that use "low income levels" as one of the factors in determining disadvantaged backgrounds include the Health Careers Opportunity Program, section 740, the Program of Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students, section 740 (a)(2)(F), and Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, section 827. Loans to Disadvantaged Students, section 724, Scholarships for Health Professions Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, section 737, Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowships Program, section 738 were added to title VII by the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-527) and are also using the low income levels. Other factors used in determining "disadvantaged backgrounds" are included in individual program regulations and guidelines.

Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), Section 740

This program awards grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, chiropractic and public or nonprofit private schools which offer graduate programs in clinical psychology, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter and

graduate from health professions schools.

Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (FADHPS), Section 740 (a)(2)(F)

This program awards grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, and dentistry to provide financial assistance to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who are of exceptional financial need, to help pay for their health professions education. The provision of these scholarships shall be subject to section 795 relating to residency training and practice in primary health care.

Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 827

This program awards grants to public and nonprofit private schools of nursing and other public or nonprofit private entities to meet costs of special projects to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Loans to Disadvantaged Students, Section 724

This program makes awards to certain accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, and veterinary medicine for financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Scholarships for Health Professions Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 737

This program awards grants to schools of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, allied health, or public health, or schools that offer graduate programs in clinical psychology for the purpose of assisting such schools in providing scholarships to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who enrolled (or are accepted for enrollment) as full-time students.

Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowship Program, Section 738

This program awards grants to repay the health professions education loans of disadvantaged health professionals who have agreed to serve for at least 2 years as a faculty member of a school of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, or a

school that offers a graduate program in clinical psychology. Section 738 (a) allows loan repayment only for an individual who has not been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the 18-month period preceding the date on which the Secretary receives the request of the individual for repayment contract (ie., "new" faculty).

The following income figures were taken from low income levels published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, using an index adopted by a Federal Interagency Committee for use in a variety of Federal Programs. That index includes multiplication by a factor of 1.3 for adaptation to health professions and nursing programs which support training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. The income figures have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 1996.

| Size of parents family ¹ | Income Level ² |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | \$10,500 |
| 2 | 13,700 |
| 3 | 16,300 |
| 4 | 20,800 |
| 5 | 24,600 |
| 6 or more | 27,600 |

¹ Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

² Rounded to the nearest \$100. Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1996.

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Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.

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Office of Inspector General

Program Exclusions: January 1997

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of January 1997, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and Block Grants to States for Social Services programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party.

Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

| SUBJECT, CITY, STATE | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|--|----------------|
| PROGRAM-RELATED CONVICTIONS | |
| ALS, DARRELL LAMONT, LITTLE ROCK, AR | 01/29/97 |
| BASS, SUZANNE, HOPKINSVILLE, KY | 01/30/97 |
| BILODEAU, TINA R, CRESTCENT CITY, CA | 02/04/97 |
| BRADLEY, GEOFFREY STEPHEN, STRAWBERRY PLAINS, TN | 02/03/97 |
| CALHOON, JOHN E, ST PETERSBURG, FL | 01/30/97 |
| DEROSA, KAREN R, KNOXVILLE, TN | 02/03/97 |
| FLEMING, PAUL D, LITTLE ROCK, AR | 01/29/97 |
| FOLEY, CANDACE E, WINTERPORT, ME | 02/03/97 |
| GAINEY, WAYMON R, FAYETTEVILLE, NC | 01/30/97 |
| GIFFORD, LOREN ARDEN, SPRINGFIELD, MO | 01/29/97 |
| GONZALEZ, JOANN, MIAMI, FL | 01/30/97 |
| GRAY, REL, OAKDALE, LA | 01/29/97 |
| HENDERSON, RANDOLF L, HOPKINSVILLE, KY | 01/30/97 |
| HENDERSON, LEROY R, TEXARKANA, TX | 01/29/97 |
| JORDAN, CARL RANKIN, SAVANNAH, GA | 01/30/97 |
| MATUTE, JOSE MANUEL, MIAMI, FL | 01/30/97 |
| NEVINS, RICHARD L, EL PASO, TX | 01/29/97 |
| NORTH SHORE EYE CLINIC, P.A., HOUSTON, TX | 01/29/97 |
| SAGMAQUEN, ROLANDA R, FRESNO, CA | 02/04/97 |
| SHELLY, RANDY, OVILLA, TX .. | 01/29/97 |
| SIMPSON, TAMMY S, KNOXVILLE, TN | 02/03/97 |
| SKODNEK, RICHARD P, MONTGOMERY, PA | 02/03/97 |
| VENABLE, GLORIA, CORAL CITY, FL | 01/30/97 |
| PATIENT ABUSE/NEGLECT CONVICTIONS | |
| ALLEN, JAMES CHRISTOPHER, TAFT, OK | 01/29/97 |
| AVANT, GUY RICHARD, HAMPDEN, AR | 01/29/97 |
| BARKER, TABITHA N, FRANKLINTON, LA | 01/29/97 |
| BATES, THOMAS W, MEMPHIS, TN | 01/30/97 |
| BERRY, ESSIIE M, AURORA, CO | 02/18/97 |
| BUSH, CHARLES LAMONT, ABILENE, TX | 01/29/97 |
| DENNEY, VICKIE SUE, ARDMORE, OK | 01/29/97 |
| GIPSON, RUTH EVELYN, STRATFORD, OK | 01/29/97 |
| HOLLAND, CAROL RENEE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK | 01/29/97 |
| JOWERS, ELBERT JR, ALEXANDRIA, LA | 01/29/97 |
| KING, CAROLYN ANN, SAYRE, OK | 01/29/97 |
| MATHIS, CHARLES R, MILLERS CREEK, NC | 01/30/97 |
| MILES, CARL STEVEN, PAULS VALLEY, OK | 01/29/97 |
| SAYSON, DANIEL M, OAK HARBOR, WA | 02/04/97 |
| SPIRKA, JOHN F, PASCOAG, RI | 02/03/97 |
| VIGIL, MELVIN PAUL, GRANTS, NM | 01/29/97 |
| CONVICTION FOR HEALTH CARE FRAUD | |
| BARRINGTON, RAMONA L, SOAPLAKE, WA | 02/04/97 |
| CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONVICTIONS | |
| BROWN, JAMES JOSEPH, DELRAY BEACH, FL | 01/30/97 |
| LICENSE REVOCATION/SUSPENSION/SURRENDER | |
| ANTHONY, NETTIE, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO | 02/18/97 |
| BALLARD, MARLA JUNE, LINSIDE, WV | 02/03/97 |
| BLACKWELL, BARBARA REECE, ELIZABETHTON, TN | 01/30/97 |
| BROWN, MAUREEN ANNE, PORTSMOUTH, NH | 02/03/97 |
| CALLAHAN, GUY, CLEARWATER, FL | 02/03/97 |
| CHANG, DEBORAH RUTH, DERRY, NH | 02/03/97 |
| CLEGG, SANDRA, LEBANON, NH | 02/03/97 |
| COXEN, DIANNA, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO | 02/18/97 |
| DAIGLE, THEOPHILE H, CLAREMONT, NH | 02/03/97 |
| DAVIS, FORREST, SIERRA VISTA, AZ | 02/03/97 |
| DEGUZMAN, ANTONIO, PEMBROKE, MA | 02/03/97 |
| DENEHY, MARY, HARWINTON, CT | 02/03/97 |
| DERBY, JAMES H, WATERFORD, CT | 02/03/97 |
| DEVAN, KAJUAN M, DENVER, CO | 02/18/97 |
| DRAGONAS, PETER H, BEVERLY, MA | 02/03/97 |
| EMOND, JAMES A, MANCHESTER, NH | 02/03/97 |
| FACKLER, JANELL, STERLING, CO | 02/18/97 |
| FISCHL, HENRY J, BRIGHTON, TN | 01/30/97 |
| FROST, JENNIFER, AURORA, CO | 02/18/97 |
| FULLER, LOUISE H, WINDSOR, MA | 02/03/97 |
| FULLER, MARK, DENVER, CO | 02/18/97 |