

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Care Financing Administration**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. 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:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements Contained in the Medicaid Termination of Enrollment Regulation 42 CFR 434.27; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-141, OMB-0938-0572; *Use:* The termination of enrollment contract requirements, as referenced in 42 CFR 434.27 allow States, through contracts with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), to restrict disenrollment from an MCO up to a one year period. However, Medicaid beneficiaries are allowed to disenroll during the period for good cause. *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 8,406,945; *Total Annual Responses:* 8,406,945; *Total Annual Hours:* 1.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, 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 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address:

HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: John Rudolph, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: May 12, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Care Financing Administration**

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**Agency information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.; *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Hospital Insurance and Supporting Regulation 42CFR 406.7; *Form No.:* HCFA-18F5, OMB # 0938-0251; *Use:* The HCFA 18F5 is used to establish entitlement to hospital insurance and supplementary medical insurance for beneficiaries entitled under title XVII of the Social Security Act only. *Frequency:* One time submission; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:*

50,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 50,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 12,500.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, 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 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards Attention: John Rudolph Room C2-26-17 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

Dated: May 14, 1998.

**John P. Burke III,**

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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**

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration.

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*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently

approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* CLIA Budget Workload Reports and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 493.1-.2001; *Form No.:* HCFA-102/105 (OMB# 0938-0599); *Use:* This information will be used by HCFA to determine the amount of Federal reimbursement for compliance surveys. In addition, the HCFA 102/105 is used for program evaluation, budget formulation and budget approval; *Frequency:* Quarterly and Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 331; *Total Annual Hours:* 4,500.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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 OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: May 15, 1998.

**John P. Burke III,**

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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**

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration.

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, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send

comments regarding this 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:* Procedures for Advisory Opinions Concerning Physician Referrals and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 411.370 through 411.389; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-216 (OMB# 0938-0714); *Use:* Section 4314 of Public Law 105-33, in establishing section 1877(g)(6) of the Act, requires the Department to provide advisory opinions to the public regarding whether a physician's referrals for certain designated health services are prohibited under the other provisions in section 1877 of the Act. These regulations provide the procedures under which members of the public may request advisory opinions from HCFA. Because all requests for advisory opinions are purely voluntary, respondents will only be required to provide information to us that is relevant to their individual requests; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, Business or other for-profit, and Individuals and Households; *Number of Respondents:* 200; *Total Annual Responses:* 200; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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 OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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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:* Reinstatement, without change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.; *Title of Information Collection:* Physician Certifications/Recertification in Skilled Nursing Facilities Manual Instructions and Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 424.20; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-5; *Use:* The Medicare program requires as a condition of participation for Medicare Part A payment for posthospital skilled nursing facility (SNF) services, that a physician must certify and periodically recertify that a beneficiary requires an SNF level of care. The physician certification requirement is intended to ensure that the beneficiary's need for services has been established and then reviewed and updated at appropriate intervals. *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not -for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of*