

committee deliberations on both days, a 30-minute open public hearing will be conducted for interested persons to address issues specific to the submission before the committee. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before July 10, 1998, 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.

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

Dated: June 26, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA-379]

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:* The Financial Statement of Debtor and Supporting Regulation 42 CFR 405.376; *Form No.:* HCFA-379, OMB #0938-0270; *Use:* This form is used to collect financial information which is needed to evaluate

requests from physician/suppliers to pay indebtedness under extended repayment schedule, or to compromise a debt for less than the full amount.

Frequency: As needed; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 500; *Total Annual Responses:* 500; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,000.

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 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, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 18, 1998.

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

[Document Identifier: HCFA-R-246]

Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, Part 1320. This collection is necessary to ensure compliance with section 1876 of the Social Security Act. Section 1876(I) of the Social Security Act (the Act) sets forth several criteria for HMO contracts. As relevant here, section 1876(I)(3) of the Act gives the Secretary, or her designee the authority to incorporate additional contractual terms and conditions that are consistent with section 1876. These statutorily mandated contract provisions have been implemented in the regulations at 42 CFR 417.470, *et seq* which reference 42 CFR 417.126(a) which states that each HMO must have an effective procedure to develop, compile, evaluate, and report to HCFA, to its enrollees, and to the general public, at the times and in the manner that HCFA requires, the following: the cost of its operations; the patterns of utilization of its services; the availability, accessibility and acceptability of its services; to the extent practical, developments in the health status of its enrollees; information demonstrating that the HMO has a fiscally sound operation and other matters that HCFA may require. Without emergency approval HCFA will be unable to monitor the quality of care received by beneficiaries in managed care measured through the Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study (CAHPS) survey asking beneficiaries about their experiences with their plan. As a result, public harm is likely to result because HCFA will be unable to monitor the quality of care received by beneficiaries.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection within 6 working days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by 5 working days of the publication of this notice. During this 180-day period, we

will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

Type of Information Request: Revision of Currently Approved Collection.

Title of Information Collection: CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study) Survey.

Form Number: HCFA-R-246 (OMB approval #: 0938-NEW).

Use: We are revising the CAHPS to conform with the NCQA instrument. This collection effort (CAHPS) will be used to hold the Medicare managed care industry accountable for the quality of care they are delivering. This collection will better allow HCFA to obtain the information critical for the proper oversight of the program and to disseminate information that will help beneficiaries choose among plans, contribute to the improved quality of care through identification of quality improvement opportunities, and assist HCFA in carrying out its responsibilities.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit, Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 150,240.

Total Annual Responses: 150,240.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 49,579.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, and HCFA form number(s) referenced above, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below within 4 working days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**:

Health Care Financing Administration,
Office of Information Services,
Security and Standards Group,
Division of HCFA Enterprise
Standards, Room C2-26-17, 7500
Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD
21244-1850, Fax Number: (410) 786-
1415, Attn: John Rudolph HCFA-R-
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and
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and

Budget, Room 10235, New Executive
Office Building, Washington, DC
20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974
or (202) 395-5167, Attn: Allison
Herron Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: June 25, 1998.

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

[Document Identifier: HCFA-855]

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:* Medicare and Other Federal Health Care Programs Provider/Supplier Enrollment Application and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 410.32, 410.71, 413.17, 424.57, 424.73, 424.80, 440.30, and 484.12; *Form No.:* HCFA-855 (OMB# 0938-0685); *Use:* This information is needed to enroll providers and suppliers into the Medicare program by identifying them, pricing and paying their claims, and verifying their qualifications and eligibility to participate in Medicare.; *Frequency:* Initial Enrollment/Recertification;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 225,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 225,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 435,000.

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, 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: June 25, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office
of Information Services, Security and
Standards Group, Division of HCFA
Enterprise Standards.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 meetings.

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

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel Review of R24 Resource-Related Research Projects.

Date: July 8, 1998.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.