

structure and staffing of the center appears sound and the feasibility of expansion plans to address other unique needs within Native American communities and special target populations. The degree to which expert consultants are engaged in achieving the objectives of the center.

Evaluation Plan (10 points): The quality of the proposed methods for evaluating all activities related to the program, including formative, process and impact evaluation.

Human Subjects (Not Weighted): Consistent with the requirements of the federal regulations on protection of human subjects in research (45 CFR Part 46), does the proposal provide an explanation of how research activities will be reviewed so that human subjects will be protected? Do any proposed research activities seem contrary to ethical research practice?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Comments _____

Women, Racial, and Ethnic Minorities (5 points): The degree to which the applicant has met the CDC Policy requirements regarding the inclusion of women, ethnic, and racial groups in the proposed research. This includes:

1. The proposed plan for the inclusion of both sexes and racial and ethnic minority populations for appropriate representation.

2. The proposed justification when representation is limited or absent.

3. A statement as to whether the design of the study is adequate to measure differences when warranted.

4. A statement as to whether the plans for recruitment and outreach for study participants include the process of establishing partnerships with community(ies) and recognition of mutual benefits.

Budget (Not Weighted): The extent to which the budget is reasonable and consistent with the purpose and objective of the program announcement.

H. Other Requirements

Technical Reporting Requirements

Provide CDC with an original plus two copies of:

1. quarterly progress reports
2. financial status report, no more than 90 days after the end of the budget period.
3. final financial and performance reports, no more than 90 days after the end of the project period.

Send all reports to: Sharron P. Orum, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 300, 255

East Paces Ferry Road, NE., MS E18, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209.

The following additional requirements are applicable to this program and are incorporated herein by reference. For a complete description of each, see Attachment 1 in the application kit.

AR98-1 Human Subjects

Requirements

AR98-2 Requirements for Inclusion of Women and Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Research

AR98-7 Executive Order 12372 Review

AR98-8 Public Health System Reporting Requirements

AR98-9 Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

AR98-10 Smoke-Free Workplace Requirements

AR98-11 Healthy People 2000

AR98-12 Lobbying Restrictions

AR98-15 Proof of Non-Profit Status

I. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program is authorized under the Public Health Service Act, Sections 317(k)(2) [42 U.S.C. 247b(k)(2)] and 301(a) [42 U.S.C. 241(a)], as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.135.

J. Where to Obtain Additional Information

Please refer to Program Announcement 98081 when you request information. For a complete program description, information on application procedures, an application package, and business management technical assistance, contact: Sharron P. Orum, Grants Management Officer, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98081, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-18, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209, telephone (404) 842-6805, Email address spo2@cdc.gov.

See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

For program technical assistance, contact: Mr. Bud Bowen, Program Director, Division of Diabetes Translation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Hwy, NE., Mailstop K-10, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, telephone (770) 488-5013, Email address, gob0@cdc.gov.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

John L. Williams,

Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Request for Topic Specific Comments on the Revision of the Vessel Sanitation Program's Operations Manual (1989)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits topic specific information for consideration in revision of the Vessel Sanitation Program's (VSP) operations manual. The document was last revised in August 1989. Input from the cruise line industry and other interested parties is critical to this document. Comments and information provided will be used to draft a revised and expanded Operations Manual to reflect CDC's, the industry's, and others current knowledge. The specific topical areas for the revised manual are:

- Food Safety.
- Water Sanitation.
- Disease Surveillance.
- Childcare Sanitation.
- Housekeeping Sanitation.
- Pools, Spas, & Recreational Areas.
- Self-Inspection and Microbiological Monitoring.
- Indoor Air Quality.
- Toxic Substances.
- Waste Management.
- Integrated Pest Management.
- Administrative Guidelines.

DATES: To be considered in the manual revision process, written comments and additional information must be received by September 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the current Operations Manual must be made by calling (770) 488-3141. Written comments on the existing document, or suggested changes or additions for a revised document should be sent by mail or facsimile to: Daniel Harper, Chief, VSP, Mailstop F16, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Atlanta, GA, 30341-3724, facsimile (770) 488-4127, or e-mail DMH2@CDC.GOV

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) is a cooperative activity between the cruise ship industry and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This program is authorized by the Public Health Service Act Sections 361-369 [42 U.S.C. 264-272], and implementing regulations found at 42 CFR Part 71. The

purpose and goals of the VSP are to achieve and maintain a level of sanitation that will lower the risk for gastrointestinal and other disease outbreaks and assist the passenger line industry in its effort to provide a healthful environment for passengers and crew.

Comments and suggestions for revision of the manual must include appropriate text specific documentation and/or references providing the scientific support for any suggested change or addition to the current operations manual. The VSP will evaluate all comments and suggestions received and will draft a revised operations manual for discussion and review by interested parties and the public. The draft document will be circulated to the industry and others, and VSP will hold a public meeting in October or November, 1998, to allow discussion of the draft manual. The final draft of a revised operations manual is planned for January 1, 1999.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

Joseph R. Carter,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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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:* ICR's contained in BPD-339, Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor, 42 CFR 488.18, 489.20, and 489.24; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-142, OMB # 0938-0667; *Use:* The information collection requirements contained in BPD-339, Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor contains requirements for hospitals to prevent them from inappropriately transferring individuals with emergency medical conditions, as mandated by Congress. HCFA will use this information to help assure compliance with this mandate and protect the public. This information is not contained elsewhere in regulations; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 7,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 7,000; *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 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: July 1, 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-576]

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

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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) Request for Designation and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 486.301-486.325; *Form No.:* HCFA-576 (OMB# 0938-0512); *Use:* The information provided on this form serves as a basis for certifying OPOs for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and will indicate whether the OPO is meeting the specified performance standards for reimbursement of service. Additionally, the form is used for inputting minimal information into the Online Survey Certification Reporting (OSCAR) System.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 69; *Total Annual Responses:* 69; *Total Annual Hours:* 138.

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.