

Territorial Epidemiologists, National Institutes of Health, American College of Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of America; and a review of the licensed and new influenza antiviral agents.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Title:* Development Disabilities Protection & Advocacy Program Statement of Objectives and Priorities.

*OMB No.:* 0980-0270.

*Description:* This information collection is a reporting by Protection & Advocacy (P&A) Systems in each State. Using this reporting format, the P&A systems describe their Statement of Objectives and Priorities for the coming fiscal year in the pursuit of their effort under Part C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C., 6000 et seq.) to protect

the civil and human rights of persons with developmental disabilities. This Statement of Objectives and Priorities (SOP) is required by Section 142(a)(2) (paragraphs C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 U.S.C., 6000 et seq.)). Each P&A System is required to develop an SOP and to submit it to public comment.

The final version of the SOP is submitted by each P&A System to the Department of Health and Human Services, which will use the data in the SOP to monitor compliance of P&As with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, and will also provide a management tool for necessary program stewardship and grasp of prospective program direction.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Statement of Objectives and Priorities .....	56	1	44	2,464

#### *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,464.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: August 4, 1998.

**Bob Sargis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-R-237]

#### 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:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Multi-State Evaluation of Dual Eligibles Demonstration; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-237 OMB #0938-NEW; *Use:* This survey provides information needed to evaluate dual eligible demonstrations on issues of satisfaction and gather health and functional status to be used in other analyses. Dual eligible demonstrations provide HCFA the opportunity to determine whether changes in payment and reimbursement and alternative ways to provide health services results in better coordination, increased satisfaction, and improved outcomes of those eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Respondents to the survey include demonstration enrollees both living in the community and in institutions, their families, disenrollees and corresponding comparison groups. *Frequency:* One time submission; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 7,840; *Total Annual Responses:* 7,840; *Total Annual Hours:* 5,580.

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](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 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 23, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Development of Policy for the Use of Permits as Conservation Tools; Request for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Scoping notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for the implementation of a number of wildlife laws and treaties, including the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), Lacey Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Each of these laws and treaties provides for permits to be issued for otherwise prohibited activities under specific circumstances. We are reviewing our current permitting programs and solicit information and comments from all interested parties on the development of a policy that would approach permits as a conservation tool and provide a more efficient permit process that is consistently implemented Service-wide, with a focus on scientific research and scientific and conservation institutions that meet certain standards. We will publish any draft policy developed as a result of this review in the **Federal Register** for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Send public comments on this notice by September 24, 1998. We will

consider any comments in developing a policy.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Chief, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teiko Saito, Chief, Office of Management Authority, at the above address, telephone (703) 358-2093, extension 2; fax (703) 358-2280.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Permits are a means of regulating human activities that can have an impact on populations of protected wildlife and plants, thereby conserving them for future generations. Our goal in administering the permits programs is to foster conservation of protected species and their habitat, while imposing the least possible burden on the affected public.

##### Current Service Permits Programs

All of our programs follow the General Permit Procedures in the regulations at 50 CFR Part 13. These regulations lay the foundation for the uniform processing of permit applications, including application procedures, general information requirements, permit administration (i.e., issuance, renewal, amendment, and appeal procedures), and general permit conditions. In addition, we have permit regulations specific to the implementation of each law or treaty. Any person intending to conduct an activity that requires a permit must apply for a permit in accordance with the General Permit Procedure regulations and the specific regulations under the laws and treaties by which the wildlife or plant is protected. If the species is listed under more than one law or treaty, we will, to the extent practical, accept one application and issue a single permit authorizing the activity. We currently have four programs that issue wildlife permits, as briefly summarized below.

##### Office of Management Authority (OMA)

OMA issues permits for the international movement of Federally regulated animals and plants, interstate commerce or movement of exotic species, and take of marine mammals under our jurisdiction. A number of these permits involve multiple authorities (e.g., the import of an Amazonian manatee would require permitting decisions under CITES, ESA, and MMPA). OMA works closely with the Office of Scientific Authority, who

makes certain required scientific determinations. OMA coordinates with other offices to add authorizations to use nondesignated ports and to import or export MBTA-listed migratory birds that are also protected under CITES and/or the ESA. Specifically, OMA processes applications under the following laws and treaties:

**Cites:** CITES (50 CFR Part 23) is a treaty that protects many species of animals and plants to ensure that commercial demand does not threaten their survival in the wild. International shipments of CITES-listed specimens, including captive-born wildlife, artificially propagated plants, and pre-Convention and scientific exchange specimens, must be accompanied by CITES documentation. The Division of Law Enforcement also issues CITES permits for specific categories of wildlife as outlined in the following section on Law Enforcement.

**Lacey Act:** The injurious wildlife regulations (50 CFR Part 16) were promulgated under the Lacey Act to help prevent accidental or intentional introduction to the United States and its territories of any exotic species deemed injurious or potentially injurious to native species and their habitats, to the health and welfare of human beings, and to the interest of forestry, agriculture, and horticulture. OMA issues permits for import, transport, and acquisition of listed exotic species for zoological, educational, medical, or scientific purposes.

**WBCA:** Congress enacted the WBCA (implemented by regulations codified at 50 CFR Part 15) to ensure that exotic bird species are not harmed by international trade and to encourage wild bird conservation programs in countries of origin. OMA issues import permits for scientific research, zoological breeding or display, cooperative breeding when part of an approved program, and personal pet purposes. The WBCA also provides for the import of species that are placed on a list approved by us based on certain criteria or from an approved foreign captive-breeding facility or scientifically based management plan for the species.

**ESA:** The ESA (implemented by regulations codified at 50 CFR Part 17) helps prevent the extinction of endangered and threatened animals and plants by providing measures to protect those species and their habitats. OMA issues permits for all regulated activities that involve foreign species and for import, export, or foreign commerce that involves native species. Endangered species staff in the Service's Regional Offices issue permits for other activities affecting native species as outlined