

standards assures States that the quality standards they adopt most closely resemble the standards HCFA will be using with Medicare+Choice organizations.

The purpose of this submission is to request approval of use of the QISMC standards and guidelines. It should be noted that QISMC was developed with State and industry participation. In this OMB submission, we are particularly soliciting comment on whether these QISMC standards impose additional reporting requirements beyond those explicitly articulated in regulations HCFA-1030-IFC and HCFA-2001-P. In the mean time we have assigned one token hour of burden for these requirements.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection within ten 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 nine 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: New Collection.

Title of Information Collection: Quality Improvement System for Managed Care.

Form Number: HCFA-R-260 (OMB approval #: 0938-NEW)

Use: The primary purpose of the QISMC standards and guidelines is to implement regulatory requirements relating to Medicare and Medicaid managed care organizations' operation and performance in the areas of quality measurement and improvement and the delivery of health care and enrollee services.

Frequency: Annual.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 952 (450 Medicare and 502 Medicaid managed care organizations)

Total Annual Responses: 952.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 1 hour.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 and phone number, 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 record keeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below within nine 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 N2-14-26, 7500
Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD
21244-1850. Fax Number: (410) 786-
0262, Attn: Louis Blank HCFA-R-260
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 Eydtt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: September 18, 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 THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Secretary's Assumption of Jurisdiction Over Probate of Estates in Which Property Escheated to an Indian Tribe Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2206 and Opportunity to Comment

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In response to a petition filed by the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs with the Office of Hearings and Appeals to reopen estates in which property escheated to an Indian tribe pursuant to the escheat provision of the Indian Land Consolidation Act, the Secretary of the Interior has assumed jurisdiction over the petition pursuant to his regulatory authority and has issued a proposed order reopening the cases. In *Babbitt v. Youpee*, a 1997 decision, the United States Supreme Court found the escheat provision unconstitutional. The reopening of the estates would permit the Department of

the Interior the opportunity to distribute escheated interests to the rightful distributees without regard to the unconstitutional provision.

The Secretary will accept comments on the petition and the proposed order to reopen the estates. All comments must be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior.

DATES: Comments must be received by the Office of Hearings and Appeals on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments from interested parties should be submitted to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, United States Department of the Interior, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Mail Stop 1103-BT3, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, at the address listed above. The Director's telephone number is 703-235-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 21, 1997, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision in *Babbitt v. Youpee*, 519 U.S. 234 (1997), in which it held that the "escheat provision" of the Indian Land Consolidation Act, 25 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*, as amended, is unconstitutional. That provision provides in part:

No undivided interest held by a member or nonmember Indian in any tract of trust land or restricted land within a tribe's reservation or outside of a reservation and subject to such tribe's jurisdiction shall descend by intestacy or devise but shall escheat to the reservation's recognized tribal government. 5 U.S.C. 2206(a).

On October 2, 1998, the Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs filed a petition (Petition) with the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), requesting the reopening of all estates in which land passed to a tribe by escheat pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2206. On October 2, 1998, the Secretary signed an order (Order) assuming jurisdiction over the Petition, pursuant to his authority at 43 CFR 4.5. Also on October 2, 1998, the Secretary issued a proposed order (Proposed Order) that would reopen the estates in question. The Proposed Order provides that prior escheat cases are reopened and the determinations made therein "are modified to the extent that the appropriate Bureau of Indian Affairs official having jurisdiction over the affected land titles shall distribute any such escheated interests to the rightful distributees without regard to the provisions of 25 U.S.C. 2206, except that prior determinations where an Indian tribe has paid fair market value for any escheated interest under 25 U.S.C. 2206 will not be reopened or modified."

Cases which fall outside of the parameters of the Proposed Order would be considered by Departmental Administrative Law Judges on an *ad hoc* basis (i.e., cases where there were no determinations of heirs, cases of will construction, and any other type of miscellaneous case where the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is uncertain how to proceed).

The Secretary's Order provides that any tribe or affected interest wishing to file comments regarding the Petition and the Proposed Order has until November 2, 1998, to submit comments. Additionally, the Order directs the BIA to hold any current or future assets derived from lands escheated to the tribes under 25 U.S.C. 2206, and not to release any such assets to any tribe pending further order. Copies of the Petition, the Order and the Proposed Order may be obtained from the Director, OHA.

Dated: October 2, 1998.

Edward B. Cohen,
Deputy Solicitor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-036-08-1220-04; GP8-0351]

Notice of Closure of Public Lands, Malheur County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vale District Office, Jordan Resource Area.

ACTION: Closure of public lands in Malheur County, Birch Creek Ranch, Owyhee Wild and Scenic River.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the regulations contained in Title 43 CFR 8351.2-1, notice is hereby served that the public lands in the Birch Creek Ranch area are closed to vehicle operation and open campfires except in those areas specifically designated for such uses. The purpose of this closure is to meet the objectives of the Owyhee Wild and Science River Plan to protect resource values including cultural sites, wildlife and fisheries habitats and soil and water resources, in addition to reducing the risk of fire in the ranch area.

Dispersed walk-in camping will continue to be permitted, however, the firepan and toilet requirements currently under the existing regulations will apply.

The road beginning in T27S R43E sec. 18 at the Caretakers Residence and heading up river is closed to all motor vehicles.

The lands affected by this closure are more specifically described as: T27S, R43E sec. 18 NW ¼ and, NE ¼; sec. 7, NE ¼, SE ¼, and SW ¼, known as the Birch Creek and Morrison Ranch properties, approximately 300 acres of public land.

Personnel that are exempt from this closure include any Federal, State or local officer or any member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty. Additional personnel may be authorized in writing in advance by the Jordan Resource Area Manager.

DATES: The closure will become effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded by the authorized officer.

PENALTIES: Violators are subject to fines not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jerry L. Taylor, Jordan Resource Area Manager, 100 Oregon St, Vale, Oregon 97918, (Telephone 541-473-3144).

Jerry L. Taylor,

Jordan Resource Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-61-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting, notice of meeting and tour.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting and tour of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The meeting and tour will be held November 5-6, 1998 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. On November 5, the RAC will conduct a one-day meeting from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Havasu Springs Resort located at 2581 Highway 95 in Parker, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered at the meeting include review of previous meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Presentations on the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Plan, Noxious Weed Impacts on Public Lands, and BLM Law Enforcement—Under-Age Drinking Issue; Proposed Field Office Rangeland

Resource Teams; and Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Tourism, Public Relations, and Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion on future meetings. A public comment period will take place at 11:30 a.m. on November 5, 1998, for any interested members of the public who wish to address the Council. In addition, a native fish release will also be conducted at Havasu Spring Resort during the 10 o'clock break of the RAC meeting. On November 6, a tour will highlight the Lake Havasu Fisheries Improvement Program Work Camp and Fishing Dock. The tour will depart from Havasu Springs Resort at 8:00 a.m. and include stops to Site Six, Campbell Cove, and Mesquite Bay. Next, the RAC and BLM staff and participants will travel to Kingman to tour the BLM Kingman Corrals. The tour will conclude at 12:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Denise P. Meridith,

Arizona State Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-380, Enforcement Proceeding]

Certain Argicultural Tractors Under 50 Power Take-Off Horsepower; Notice of Institution of Formal Enforcement Proceeding

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has instituted a formal enforcement proceeding relating to certain of the cease and desist orders issued at the conclusion of the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter L. Sultan, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-3152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 25, 1997, the Commission issued cease and desist orders against eleven respondents at the conclusion of the above-captioned investigation, including against Gamut Imports, 14354