

referenced below, within ten working days:

Health Care Financing Administration,  
Office of Information Services,  
Security and Standards Group,  
Division of HCFA Enterprise  
Standards, Attention: Dawn  
Willinghan, Room N2-14-26, 7500  
Security Boulevard, Baltimore,  
Maryland 21244-1850

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: October 22, 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

### 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 Request:*  
Extension of Currently Approved  
Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* HEDIS  
3.0 (Health Plan Data and Information  
Set) CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of  
Health Plans Study) Survey and

Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 417.470,  
417.126.

*Form Number:* HCFA-R-246 (OMB  
approval #: 0938-0732)

*Use:* This collection effort (CAHPS)  
will be used to hold the Medicare  
managed care industry accountable for  
the quality of care they are delivering.  
This requirement will allow HCFA to  
obtain the information necessary for the  
proper oversight of the program. It is  
critical to HCFA's mission that we  
collect and 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 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, DC 20503.

Dated: October 22, 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

#### Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request, National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs, Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of  
Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of  
Loan Repayment and Scholarship, the  
National Institutes of Health (NIH) has  
submitted to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) a request to review  
and approve the information collection  
listed below. This proposed information  
collection was previously published in  
the **Federal Register** on March 3, 1998,  
pages 10404-10405 and allowed 60 days  
for public comment. One response to  
the notice was received. A revision  
reconciled this response. The purpose of  
this notice is to allow an additional 30  
days for public comment. The National  
Institutes of Health may not conduct or  
sponsor, and the respondent is not  
required to respond to, an information  
collection that has been extended,  
revised or implemented on or after  
October 1, 1995, unless it displays a  
currently valid OMB control number.

#### Proposed Collection

*Title:* National Institutes of Health  
Loan Repayment Programs. *Type of  
Information Collection Request:*  
Revision of currently approved  
collection (OMB No. 0925-0361,  
expiration date 9/30/98). *Form  
Numbers:* NIH 2674-1, NIH 2874-2, and  
NIH 2674-3. *Need and Use of  
Information Collection:* NIH makes  
available financial assistance, in the  
form of educational loan repayment to  
M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., and D.V.M.  
degree holders, or the equivalent, who  
perform biomedical or biobehavioral  
research in NIH intramural laboratories  
for a minimum of 2 years in research  
areas supporting the mission and  
priorities of the NIH. The AIDS  
Research Loan Program (AIDS-LRP) is  
authorized by Section 478A of the  
Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
288-1); the General Research Loan  
Repayment Program (General-LRP) is  
authorized by Section 487C of the  
Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
288-3); and the Clinical Research Loan  
Repayment Program (CR-LRP) is  
authorized by Section 487E (42 U.S.C.  
288-5). The loan repayment programs  
can repay a maximum of \$20,000 per  
year toward a participant's extant  
eligible educational loans, directly to  
lenders, in addition to NIH salary and  
benefits. Participants must have  
qualifying educational debt in excess of  
20 percent of their annual NIH base  
salaries on the expected date of program  
eligibility. The information proposed for  
collection will be used by the Office of  
Loan Repayment and Scholarship to  
determine an applicant's eligibility for  
participation in the program. *Frequency  
of Response:* Initial application and  
annual renewal application. *Affected  
Public:* Applicants, financial  
institutions, recommenders. *Type of  
Respondents:* Physicians and other  
scientific or medical personnel. The  
annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Applicant .....	110	1.0	9.80	1,078
Recommenders .....	330	1.0	0.50	165
Financial Institutions .....	550	1.0	0.33	181
Totals .....	990	.....	.....	1,424

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$33,575.46. There are no capital costs, operating costs, or maintenance costs to report.

**Request for Comments:** Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms on information technology.

**Direct Comments to OMB:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Dr. Marc Horowitz, J.D., Director, Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 604, Bethesda, MD 20892-9121, or call non-toll free (301) 402-5666, or E-mail your request, including your address, to <Mhorowitz@nih.gov>.

Dated: October 20, 1998.

**Ruth L. Kirschstein,**

Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NHLBI.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural program and projects conducted by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** Board of Scientific Counselors, NHLBI.

**Date:** December 10-11, 1998.

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 10, Room 7S235, Bethesda, MD 20892.

**Contact Person:** Edward D. Korn, PHD, Director, Intramural Research, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Building 10, Room 7N214, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/496-2116. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 22, 1998.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; 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 of 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 Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel.

**Date:** October 30, 1998.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** The Hyatt Regency Hotel, 100 Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

**Contact Person:** Elise D. Taylor, Scientific Review Administrator, Extramural Project Review Branch, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute of Health, Suite 409, 600 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003, 301-443-9787.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

**Name of Committee:** National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel.

**Date:** November 6, 1998.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** 6000 Executive Blvd., Suite 409, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person:** Elise D. Taylor, Scientific Review Administrator, Extramural Project Review Branch, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute of