set forth above and the recipient of compulsory process announces that the Commission has issued such process, the policy permits confirmation of such process.

Nothing in this notice shall be construed as modifying the authority of the Commission (as opposed to the Commission's staff) to make appropriate disclosures concerning nonpublic investigations whenever it determines that doing so would be in the public interest. The Commission will continue to keep confidential, as appropriate under its existing laws and policies, nonpublic information submitted to the agency.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

**[HCFA–R–257]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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.

(1) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Medicare+Choice Disenrollment Form.

*Form Nos.:* HCFA–R–257 (OMB# 0938–0741).

*Use:* The primary purpose of the form is to receive and process the beneficiary's request for disenrollment from a Medicare+Choice plan and to return to original (fee-for-service) Medicare. The secondary purpose of the new form is to obtain the reason for the disenrollment, for analysis and reporting.

*Frequency:* As requested by beneficiary;

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal government;

*Number of Respondents:* 60,000 annually;

*Total Annual Responses:* 20,000 in first year, 60,000 thereafter;

*Total Annual Hours:* 3,960.

(2) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements in HSQ–108–F Assumption of Responsibilities and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 412.44, 412.46, 431.630, 456.654, 466.71, 466.73, 466.74, and 466.78;

*Form No.:* HCFA–R–0071 (OMB# 0938–0445);

*Use:* This purpose of this collection is to create the Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization (PRO) program which replaces the Professional Standards Review Organization (PSRO) program and streamlines peer review activities. This rule outlines the review functions to be performed by the PRO and outlines the relationships among PROs, providers, practitioners, beneficiaries, fiscal intermediaries, and carriers.

*Frequency:* Other, as needed;

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit;

*Number of Respondents:* 53;

*Total Annual Responses:* 880;

*Total Annual Hours:* 46,653.

(3) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Sole Community Home Health Agencies (HHA) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Section 424.22;

*Form No.:* HCFA–R–0085 (OMB# 0938–0489);

*Use:* These regulations implement the rules for participation of HHAs in Medicare and the establishment and review of plans of care for home health services. These regulations make it easier for certain HHAs to meet certification and plan of care requirements.

*Frequency:* Annually;

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions;

*Number of Respondents:* 20;

*Total Annual Responses:* 20;

*Total Annual Hours:* 40.

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 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, 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.

Dated: November 15, 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 (DHHS)

### National Institutes of Health (NIH)

### National Institutes of Health Clinical Center (NIHCC); Opportunity for Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) in the Fields of Rehabilitation Medicine and Speech-Language Pathology Using Ultrasound Imaging or Similar Technology

**AGENCY:** Rehabilitation Medicine Department, NIHCC, NIH, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) opportunity.

**SUMMARY:** The Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Speech-Language Pathology Section, of the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center (NIHCC), seeks a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with one or more collaborators in the ultrasound imaging or related technology fields. The purpose of the collaboration will be to develop a method to examine the movements of the oral pharynx including the tongue base, pharynx, and soft palate during

sleep using ultrasound imaging. The objectives of the research include the development of a noninvasive and reliable procedure to examine the components of sleep apnea and the development of an ultrasound transducer that can be used to assist the physician in determining which patients will benefit from tongue base or palatal reduction procedures.

Obstructive sleep apnea currently affects more than four (4) percent of the population, causing significant morbidity and mortality. Due to a current deficiency in methods of examination and diagnosis, the location of the obstruction(s) and the physiology of the response remain unknown. Because surgical procedures are considered as possible treatment for this disorder, it is necessary to know the anatomical and structural location of the obstruction. Currently, there is no inexpensive, noninvasive method for visualizing this entity. Therefore, a noninvasive ultrasonic device for the examination and diagnosis of sleep apnea is necessary to fill the current void.

The anticipated term of the CRADA is four (4) years.

Sponsors will be selected based upon their ability to collaborate with NIHCC for the development of the ultrasonic diagnostic device.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit a one paragraph statement of interest addressing the collaborator's ability to perform the collaboration responsibilities. The statement of interest should be submitted to NIHCC in writing no later than December 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries and statements of interest regarding this opportunity should be addressed to Steven Galen, Technology Development Coordinator, National Institutes of Health, Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center. Phone: (301) 594–4509, FAX (301) 402–2143, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 511, Rockville, MD 20852.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A CRADA is the anticipated joint agreement to be entered into the NIHCC pursuant to the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 as amended by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–113 (Mar. 7, 1996)) and by Executive Order 12591 of April 10, 1987.

The CRADA objective is the rapid publication of research findings and the timely commercialization of improved diagnostic and treatment strategies in the field of ultrasound imaging or similar technology. Particular emphasis is placed on discoveries that enhance clinical research.

Under a CRADA, the NIHCC can offer selected collaborators access to facilities, staff, materials, and expertise. The collaborator may contribute facilities, staff, materials, expertise and funding to the collaboration. *The NIHCC cannot contribute funding.* The CRADA collaborator may elect an option to an exclusive or non-exclusive license to Government intellectual property rights arising under the CRADA and may qualify as co-inventor of new technology developed under the CRADA.

CRADA proposals will be evaluated under the following criteria:

- Corporate research and development competencies.
- Demonstrated abilities to productively collaborate in research programs.
- Expertise in performing clinical phase trials and regulatory affairs.
- The nature of resources to be contributed to the collaboration.
- Key staff expertise, qualifications and relevant experience.
- Willingness to assign technical staff to on-site collaborative efforts.
- Ability to effectively commercialize new discoveries.

The role of the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center includes the following:

(1) The NIHCC will provide:

(a) Expertise in oral pharyngeal ultrasound imaging, including anatomy and physiology of the intra-oral structure;

(b) Expertise in defining the abnormalities associated with obstructive sleep apnea;

(c) Input on the design of the transducer;

(d) Technological considerations for patient safety, position and comfort;

(e) Ongoing evaluation of the technologic advances and designs;

(f) Normal subjects and apnea patients for testing of equipment;

(g) Use of existing transducers for comparison of technologic advances; and

(h) Input from multidisciplinary researchers with expertise in apnea.

(2) The NIHCC will provide an existing protocol or create a new protocol for the phase I clinical study of the resulting diagnostic devise.

The role of the CRADA Collaborator includes the following:

(1) The development of an ultrasound device which can be used to aid physicians in the examination, diagnosis and treatment of sleep apnea.

(2) Conducting phase I clinical studies of the diagnostic device to be performed in compliance with the NIHCC protocol to be provided.

(3) Commercialization of the resulting device including providing the resources necessary.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

**Kathleen Sybert,**

*Acting Director, Technology Development and Commercialization Branch, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

### National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; 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 Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel 99–19, P60 review, area A.

*Date:* January 20–22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Young A. Shin, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–2372.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel 99–18, P60 review, area B.

*Date:* January 21–23, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate applications.

*Place:* Gaithersburg Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

*Contact Person:* H. George Hausch, PHD, Chief, Grants Review Section, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–2372.

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