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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98N-0192]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval; Establishment and Product License Applications

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled "Establishment and Product License Applications" has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JonnaLynn P. Capezzuto, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of September 4, 1998 (63 FR 47299), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under section 3507 of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3507). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0124. The approval expires on November 30, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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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:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Home Office Cost Statement and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Section 413.17; *Form No.:* HCFA-287 (OMB# 0938-0202);

Use: Medicare law permits components of chain organizations to be reimbursed for certain costs incurred by the Home Offices of the chain. The Home Office Cost Statement is required by the fiscal intermediary to verify Home Office Costs claimed by the components. This requires that the provider include in its costs, the costs incurred by the related organization in furnishing such services, supplies or facilities.

Frequency: Annually;
Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, Business or other for-profit;
Number of Respondents: 1,231;
Total Annual Responses: 1,231;
Total Annual Hours: 573,646.

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

Title of Information Collection: Request for Medicare Payment—Ambulance and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Section 410.40 and 424.124;

Form No.: HCFA-1491 (OMB# 0938-0042);

Use: This form is used by physicians, suppliers, and beneficiaries to request payment of Part B Medicare services. It is used to apply for reimbursement for ambulance services.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, and Not-for-profit Institutions;

Number of Respondents: 9,634,435;

Total Annual Responses: 9,634,435;

Total Annual Hours: 406,251.

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: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: November 10, 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

[HCFA-1051-N]

Medicare Program; December 14, 1998, Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 14, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., E.S.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 800, 8th Floor, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aron Primack, M.D., M.A., F.A.C.P., Executive Director, Practicing Physicians Advisory Council, Room 435-H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 690-7874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is mandated by section 1868 of the Social Security Act to appoint a Practicing Physicians Advisory Council (the Council) based on nominations submitted by medical organizations representing physicians. The Council meets quarterly to discuss certain proposed changes in regulations and carrier manual instructions related to physicians' services, as identified by the Secretary. To the extent feasible and consistent with statutory deadlines, the consultation must occur before publication of the proposed changes. The Council submits an annual report on its recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration not later than December 31 of each year.

The Council consists of 15 physicians, each of whom has submitted at least 250 claims for physicians' services under Medicare or Medicaid in the previous year. Members of the Council include both participating and nonparticipating physicians, and physicians practicing in rural and underserved urban areas. At least 11 members must be doctors of medicine or osteopathy authorized to practice medicine and surgery by the States in which they practice. Members have been invited to serve for overlapping 4-year terms. In accordance with section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Council by appropriate action before the end of the 2-year term.

The Council held its first meeting on May 11, 1992.

The current members are: Jerold M. Aronson, M.D.; Richard Bronfman, D.P.M.; Wayne R. Carlsen, D.O.; Gary C. Dennis, M.D.; Mary T. Herald, M.D.; Ardis Hoven, M.D.; Sandral Hullett, M.D.; Jerilynn S. Kaibel, D.C.; Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.; Marc Lowe, M.D.; Derrick K. Latos, M.D.; Sandra B. Reed, M.D.; Susan Schooley, M.D.; Maisie Tam, M.D.; and Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., M.D. The chairperson is Kenneth M. Viste, Jr.,

M.D. The vice chairperson is Marie G. Kuffner, M.D.

Council members will receive updates on the activities of the Center for Beneficiary Services, access to care in managed care (provider protection), and Y2K. The agenda will provide for discussion and comment on the following topics:

- Medicare Integrity Program Contracting Initiatives (HCFA Solicitation RFP 98 0016).
- Proposed regulations to implement the Medicaid managed care provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.
- Using the inherent reasonableness authority.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5 minute oral presentations on the agenda issues should contact the Executive Director by 12 noon, December 3, 1998, to be scheduled. The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 12 noon, December 9, 1998. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Executive Director by 12 noon, December 9, 1998. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

(Section 1868 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ee) and section 10(a) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)); 45 C.F.R. Part 11)

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: November 19, 1998.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.):

Applicant: The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, PRT-004641.

The applicant requests a permit to import 8 scientific specimens of mouse

lemurs (*Microcebus* sp.) collected in the wild in Madagascar, for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: University of Arizona, Laboratory of Molecular Systematics and Evolution, Tucson, AZ, PRT-837560.

The applicant requests amendment of their permit to import tissue samples taken from captive-held and/or wild chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*), pygmy chimpanzees (*Pan paniscus*), gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla*), and orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Rhinoceros Advisory Group of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, Cumberland, OH, PRT-004917.

The applicant requests a permit to import for the Honolulu Zoo, HI, one captive-born female black rhinoceros from the Asa Hiroshima Zoo Park, JP, for the purpose of captive propagation for the enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: The National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, PRT-004868.

The applicant requests a permit to import the skin and skull and skeletal elements of one Kara-Tau argali (*Ovis ammon nigrimontana*) and one Kazakhstan argali (*Ovis ammon collium*) from the Republic of Kazakhstan for the purpose of scientific research and species identification.

Applicant: International Animal Exchange, Ferndale, MI, PRT-004862.

The applicant requests a permit for foreign commerce to purchase one male and one female jaguar (*Panthera onca*) from Tierpark Nadermann, Germany and sell to Taegu Talsung Park Zoo, Korea for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species through conservation education and captive propagation.

Applicant: Howard Covey, Phoenix, AZ, PRT-005201.

The Applicant request a permit to import sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Zoological Society of San Diego, Escondido, CA, PRT-004996.

The applicant requests a permit to import 5 Lesser Rheas (*Rhea pennata*) from Tiergarten Hubertus, Vossberg, Dotlingen, Germany, for the enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and