

Dated: February 3, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,

*Associate Commissioner for Policy
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Health Care Financing
Administration.

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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, Part 1320. This collection is necessary to ensure compliance with section 1854 of the Balanced Budget Act. Under Part C of the Social Security Act, a Medicare+Choice (M+C) organization is required to submit an Adjusted Community Rate (ACR) proposal prior to 05/01/98, which is used by M+C organizations to price its benefit packages. Without emergency approval

entities interested in participating in the M+C program will not be afforded enough time to submit the required application prior to the 05/01/98 deadline. As a result, public harm is likely to result because eligible individuals may not receive the M+C health insurance options stipulated by the BBA.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by 02/20/98, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by 02/19/98. 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: Managed Care Adjusted Community Rate (ACR) Proposal.

Form Number: HCFA-R-228 (OMB approval #: 0938-NEW).

Use: This collection effort will be used to price the benefit package sold to Medicare beneficiaries who will be enrolled in M+C. Organizations submitting the Managed Care Adjusted Community Rate Proposal form would include all M+C organizations plus any organization intending to contract with HCFA as a M+C organization. This would include any eligible organizations with a managed care risk contract, as defined in 42 CFR § 417.401 of federal regulations, in effect on January 1, 1998 with intentions of offering a M+C plan starting January 1, 1999. These current Medicare managed care risk contractors will be required to submit this form no later than May 1, 1998 for the calendar year 1999.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 350.

Total Annual Responses: 350.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 35,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, and HCFA form number(s) referenced above, 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 recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by 02/19/98:

Health Care Financing Administration,
Office of Information Services,
Information Technology Investment
Management Group, Division of
HCFA Enterprise Standards, Room
C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard,
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, Fax
Number: (410) 786-1415, Attn: John
Rudolph HCFA-R-228

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: February 5, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA,
Office of Information Services, Information
Technology Investment Management Group,
Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Health Care Financing
Administration.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, Part 1320. We are requesting emergency clearance so that we can meet the requirements under the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) (section 1851 (d)) which mandates that HCFA provide comparable information between managed care and Fee For Service (FFS) regarding quality.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by 03/2/98, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by 02/27/98. 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: Research and Analytic Support for implementing Performance Measurement in Fee for Service (FFS).

Form Number: HCFA-R-227 (OMB approval #: 0938-NEW).

Use: As required by the Balanced Budget Act Section 1851 (d) (BBA), HCFA needs to develop comparable performance measures for FFS Medicare and group practices. This project will enable HCFA to evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of FFS services purchased. This survey builds on a well established instrument called the SF-36 (©1992 Medical Outcomes Trust) to determine health related quality of life. It is a self administered survey that is completed by the beneficiary. We will be looking at whether the beneficiary's health has improved, stayed the same, or deteriorated over a 2 year period of time compared to their expected health status. It will be risk-adjusted (e.g., for socioeconomic status, age, gender, and other health conditions).

The identical instrument is being used in managed care. The Health of

Seniors survey will gather the same information about the health status of beneficiaries in FFS as is being collected in managed care. The 1998 survey will provide baseline measurement, (like what is being collected in managed care) to determine whether the beneficiaries' health has improved, stayed the same, or deteriorated over a 2 year period of time compared to their expected health status. HCFA may potentially disseminate this information to Medicare beneficiaries so that they may make informed health care choices.

Frequency: Biennially

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit, Farms, Federal government and, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 3,800.

Total Annual Responses: 3,800.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 1,600.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, and HCFA form number(s) referenced above, 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 recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by 02/27/98:

Health Care Financing Administration,
Office of Information Services,
Information Technology Investment
Management Group, Division of
HCFA Enterprise Standards, Room
C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard,
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, Fax
Number: (410) 786-1415,
Attn: John Rudolph HCFA-R-227

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: February 6, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA,
Office of Information Services, Information
Technology Investment Management Group,
Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.*

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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.*):

PRT-839020

Applicant: Peter A. Larsen, St. Cloud, MN.

The applicant requests a permit to import the 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.

PRT-839021

Applicant: Ferdinand Hantig, Las Vegas, NV.

The applicant requests a permit for multiple export/re-import for one male, captive-born tiger (*Panthera tigris*). The applicant will transport the animal to/from locations around the worldwide, for up to three years, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through conservation education.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: February 6, 1998.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of
Management Authority*

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