

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Care Financing Administration**  
[HCFA-R-13]**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.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Conditions of Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 486.301-486.325.

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-13.

*Use:* An Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) is an entity that performs or coordinates the performance of retrieving, preserving and transporting organs and maintains a system of locating prospective recipients for available organs. OPOs are required to submit accurate data to HCFA concerning population and information on donors and organs on an annual basis in order to assure maximum effectiveness in the procurement and distribution of organs. This information collection lays out the conditions for coverage for OPOs.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 62.

*Total Annual Responses:* 62.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 1.

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](mailto: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 Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Care Financing Administration**

[HCFA-R-131]

**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 Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 411.408.

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-131 (OMB# 0938-0566).

*Use:* This information will be used by physician's providing written notice to a beneficiary that Medicare is likely to deny payment for a specified service. This information will also be used by Medicare Part B carriers to determine beneficiaries' liability. Section 9332 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, requires physicians "who do not accept payment on an assignment-related basis" to refund to patients any amounts they collect for services denied under section 1862(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, as "not reasonable and necessary for the treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member." Refunds are not required in either of two circumstances. First, a refund is not required if the physician informs the beneficiary, prior to furnishing the service, that Medicare is unlikely to pay for the service and the beneficiary, after being so informed, agrees to pay out of his or her pocket. Second, a refund is not required if the physician did not know, and could not reasonably have been expected to know, that Medicare would not pay for the service. In those cases, the beneficiary is liable for the service.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 237,322.

*Total Annual Responses:* 925,904.

*Total Annual Hours:* 115,738.

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](mailto: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, D.C. 20503.

Date: May 20, 1999.

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