

Authority: These programs are authorized pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5011 and 5013 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended. The income eligibility levels are determined by the current guidelines published by DHHS pursuant to Sections 652 and 673 (2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 which requires poverty guidelines to be adjusted for Consumer Price Index changes.

March 29, 2000.

Thomas Endres,

*Director, National Senior Service Corps,
Corporation for National and Community
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Availability of Funds for AmeriCorps State Formula Program Grants in North Dakota and South Dakota and Notice of Technical Assistance Calls for Potential Applicants

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for new and renewal grants; notice of availability of 2000 application guidelines; notice of technical assistance calls.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$500,000 to support new and continuing national service programs in North Dakota and approximately \$500,000 to support new and continuing national service programs in South Dakota. (CFDA #94.004). The Corporation has scheduled two technical assistance calls for potential applicants.

DATES: To be considered, the Corporation must receive applications by 3:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Monday, May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to the Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Box SND, Washington, D.C. 20525. The Corporation will not accept applications that are submitted via facsimile or by e-mail transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, to obtain a copy of the application guidelines, or to register for one of the technical assistance calls, please contact Jamia McLean, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20525, phone (202) 606-5000, ext. 292, TDD (202) 565-2799.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These funds are authorized under the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, and represent the statute's population-based provision of program assistance formula funds that, in most cases, flow through approved state commissions on national and community service. Because neither North Dakota nor South Dakota currently maintains an approved state commission or alternative administrative entity, eligible entities may apply directly to the Corporation for formula funds. Local government agencies, institutions of higher education, public or private nonprofit organizations, and Indian Tribes in North Dakota and South Dakota are eligible entities. An organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible for these funds.

Requirements relating to this assistance are published at 45 CFR Parts 2510 *et seq.* and are further described in the application guidelines. The Corporation will also provide *Principles for High Quality National Service Programs*, which includes program examples, upon request.

Organizations interested in applying for these program funds may participate in one of two conference calls to be held on April 3, 2000 and April 10, 2000, respectively, during which Corporation staff will provide technical assistance to potential applicants. The calls will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. (E.D.T.). Upon registration for one of the calls, you will be provided with the applicable 800 number needed for participation.

The provision of these grants is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Dated: March 30, 2000.

Peter Heinaru,

*Director, AmeriCorps*State/National.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness, DOD).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995, The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provision thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received before June 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendation on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), (Force Management Policy/Military Personnel Policy/Accession Policy) ATTN: Lieutenant Colonel Michael R. Ostroski, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call (703) 695-5529.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Record of Military Processing, Armed Forces of the United States, DD Form 1966, OMB Control Number: 0704-0173.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is to obtain data on individuals applying for enlistment in the Armed Forces of the United States to determine eligibility for enlistment. The information collected accompanies the applicant throughout the enlistment process. It also is used for establishing personnel records on those who enlist.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 170,000.

Number of Respondents: 510,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Title 10 U.S.C., Sections 504, 505, 508, 12102 and 520a, Title 14 U.S.C., Sections 351 and 632, and Title 50

U.S.C., Section 451, requires applicants to meet standards for enlistment into the Armed Forces. This information collection is the basis for determining eligibility of applicants for enlistment in the Armed Forces and is needed to verify data given by the applicant and to determine his/her qualification of enlistment. The information collected aids in the determination of qualifications, term of service, and grade in which a person, if eligible, will enter active duty or reserve status.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Continuous Open Enrollment Demonstration for the Designated Provider Program

AGENCY: Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of demonstration project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a demonstration project which will enroll military retirees and their family members (to include Medicare-eligible beneficiaries) in the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan on a continuous basis. The continuous open enrollment demonstration project will evaluate the benefits and costs of the program.

Continuous open enrollment for retirees and their family members in the Designated Provider program will result in enrollment requirements consistent with the enrollment requirements for the TRICARE Prime option under the TRICARE program. In this project, DoD will allow eligible retirees and their family members to elect to enroll in the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan at any time during the demonstration period in exchange for their agreement to receive comprehensive health care services from the Designated Provider. Funding for the demonstration for care provided will come from existing DoD appropriations. This demonstration will be conducted at three of the seven Designated Provider sites. DoD will conduct an analysis of the benefits and costs of the program using the enrolled populations of the other four Designated Providers as the control group. The demonstration is scheduled to end September 30, 2001.

DATES: May 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Earl Hanson, TRICARE Management Activity (703) 681-1757.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Health care for retirees and their family members, to include Medicare-eligible military retirees and family members, is now available under the Designated Provider program. When DoD transitioned the Uniformed Services Treatment Facilities to the Designated Provider program providing the TRICARE Prime benefit in 1998, the Department and the Designated Providers agreed by contract to limit enrollment of retirees and their family members to once per year. In accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, Section 707, the Department of Defense and the Designated Providers randomly selected three sites to actively participate in a continuous open enrollment demonstration that would allow retiree and retiree family members to enroll in the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan without regard to an annual open enrollment season. The remaining four Designated Providers will be control sites. The selected sites will comply with all provisions for their existing contracts and through a modification to the contracts, allow retirees and their family members to enroll at any time during the demonstration period. These enrollees will comply with existing managed care program policies and requirements for the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan.

C. Description of the Continuous Open Enrollment Demonstration

(1) *Location of Project:* Continuous open enrollment will be conducted in the geographical service area of the Sisters of Charity Health Care System located on Staten Island, New York; the Brighton Marine Health Center located in Boston, Massachusetts; and the Pacific Medical Center located in Seattle, Washington. The control group is a geographic service area operated by Martin's Point Health Care located in Portland, Maine; Johns Hopkins Medical Services Corporation located in Baltimore, Maryland; CHRISTUS Health located in Houston, Texas; and Fairview Health System located in Cleveland, Ohio. The geographical service area is identified by zip codes in and around the Designated Providers' corporate centers.

(2) *Continuous Open Enrollment Schedule:* Health care delivery is scheduled to begin on February 1, 2000, for the Sisters of Charity Health Care

System and the Brighton Marine Health Center. Pacific Medical Center will begin providing health care services on March 1, 2000. Prior to the beginning of health care delivery under this demonstration, the participating Designated Providers will issue public announcements providing information about the program and the enrollment process. The public announcements will indicate that an application acceptance period will begin in January 2000. The demonstration will continue until September 30, 2000.

(3) *Eligible population:* To be eligible to enroll in this demonstration a military retiree or their family member must, (1) be eligible for care from DoD, (2) reside within geographic service area of participating Designated Providers, and (3) be solely reliant for health care services from the Military Health System and/or Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

(4) *Enrollment capacity:* Under this demonstration there is no limitation on the number of eligible beneficiaries that may enroll in the Designated Providers' Uniformed Services Family Health Plan. Enrollment outside the demonstration is limited to 110 percent of enrollment as of the first day of the previous fiscal year.

(5) *Enrollment:* Enrollment applications will be accepted by mail or in person at an address designated by the participating Designated Providers. The enrollment fee is currently \$230 for single enrollee and maximum of \$460 for a family. It is the Department's policy to encourage enrollment in Medicare Part B. Therefore, enrollment fees for Medicare-eligible enrollees that maintain their Medicare Part B monthly premiums are waived under the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan.

Enrollment under the demonstration is for a twelve-month period, which is automatically renewed annually. Beneficiaries may leave the program at the end of their twelve-month period by affirmatively requesting disenrollment approximately 60 calendar days prior to automatic renewal. Enrollees discontinuing their enrollment prior to any twelve-month period are locked out of further enrollment in DoD's TRICARE program for a period of twelve months from the effective date of their disenrollment. Portability, transfers, and split family enrollments exist between TRICARE regions and contractors, although portability and transfers for Medicare-eligible enrollees limited to Designated Provider geographic service areas.

As a condition of enrollment, each dual-eligible beneficiary will be required to receive all of his or her