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use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project: The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Application (OMB No. 0915-0140)—Revision**

This is a request for Revision of the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP). The NELRP was originally authorized by 42 U.S.C. 297b(h) (section 836(h) of the Public Health Service Act) as amended by Public Law 100-607, November 4, 1988. The NELRP is currently authorized by 42 U.S.C. 297(n) (section 846 of the Public Health Service Act) as amended by Public Law 102-408, October 13, 1992.

Under the NELRP, registered nurses are offered the opportunity to enter into a contractual agreement with the Secretary under which the Public Health Service agrees to repay the nurses' indebtedness for nursing education. In exchange, the nurses agree to serve for a specified period of time in

certain types of critical shortage facilities identified in the statute.

Nurse educational loan repayment contracts will be approved by the Secretary for eligible nurses who have incurred previous monetary indebtedness by accepting a loan for nursing education costs from a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, Government agency or program, school, or other lender that meets NELRP criteria.

NELRP requires the following information:

1. Applicants must provide information on the proposed service site;
2. Applicants must provide information on loan status for all loans from all lenders; and
3. Applicants must provide banking information from financial institution.

*Estimates of Annualized Hour Burden:* The application has been changed due to legislative and program changes and an increased budget. Burden estimates are as follows:

Form/regulatory requirement	Number of respondents	Responses per respondents	Hours per response	Total burden hours
NELRP Application .....	16,000	1	1.5	24,000
Loan Verification Form .....	16,000	1	2.5	40,000
Employ. Verification Form .....	16,000	1	.5	8,000
Payment Info. Form .....	16,000	1	1	16,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>88,000</b>

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-45 Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Written comments should be received with 60 days of this notice.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Proposed Project: Scholarship Program for Students of Exceptional Financial Need (EFN) and Program of Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (FADHPS): Regulatory Requirements (OMB No. 0915-0028)—Extension**

The EFN Scholarship Program, authorized by section 736 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, and the FADHPS Program, authorized by section 740(a)(2)(F) of the PHS Act, provides financial assistance to schools of allopathic and osteopathic medicine and dentistry for awarding tuition scholarships to health professions students who are of exceptional financial need. To be eligible for support under the FADHPS Program, a student must also be from a disadvantaged background. In return for this support, students of allopathic and osteopathic medicine must agree to complete residency training in primary care in 4 years, and practice in primary care for 5 years after completing residency training.

The program regulations contain recordkeeping requirements designed to ensure that schools maintain adequate

records for the government to monitor program activity and that funds are spent as intended. The estimate of

burden for the regulatory requirements of this clearance are as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondents	Total responses	Minutes per response	Total burden hours
EFN/FADHPS .....	80	1	80	10	13 hours.

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#### Proposed Project: Telephone Survey of Public Opinion Regarding Various Issues Related to Organ and Tissue Donation (NEW)

The Division of Transplantation (DoT), Special Programs Bureau (SPB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is planning to conduct a telephone survey of public knowledge, perceptions, opinion, and behaviors related to organ donation. Two key missions of the DoT are (1) to provide oversight for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network and policy development related to organ donation and transplantation and (2) to implement efforts to increase public knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to organ and tissue donation. With a constantly growing deficit between the number of Americans needing donor organs, (currently exceeding 83,000) and the annual number of donors (12,795 in 2002), increasing the American public's willingness to donate becomes increasingly critical. Effective education campaigns need to be based on knowledge of the public's attitudes and perceptions about, and perceived impediments to, organ donation. The

last national survey of public attitudes and perceptions of organ donation was conducted in 1993.

The purpose of this study is to obtain current information on public attitudes and perceptions of organ donation and transplantation of the general public and various population subgroups. The survey will measure issues such as level of public knowledge about donation, public intent to donate, impediments to public intent to donate, living donation, presumed consent, and financial incentives for donation. Demographic information also will be collected. The sample will consist of 2,500 adults, will oversample Asian, Hispanic, and African Americans, and will be geographically representative of the United States. Computer-assisted telephone interviews will be conducted in the English, Spanish, and Mandarin languages. The survey will replicate a number of questions asked in the 1993 survey and also will include new items, some of which will ask about untried methods to increase donation. In addition to being useful to the DoT, results of this survey also will be of considerable assistance to the transplant community and to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (ACOT) as it fulfills its charge to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the numerous and often controversial issues related to donation and transplantation. In its first meeting, the ACOT suggested such a survey to gather information to inform both public education efforts and policy decisions on the issue of organ donation.

The estimated burden is as follows:

	Number of respondents	Annual frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Telephone Survey .....	2,500	1	2,500	.2	500
Total .....	2,500	.....	2,500	.....	500