

Health Care Financing Administration**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals 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.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Withholding Medicare Payments to Recover Medicaid Overpayments; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-21; *Use:* Medicaid providers who have received overpayments may terminate or substantially reduce their participation in Medicaid to avoid the State's effort to recover the amounts due. This provision establishes a mechanism for State agencies to recoup the overpayments by withholding Medicare payments to these providers; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 54; *Total Annual Hours:* 81.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements in HSQ-110, Acquisition, Protection and Disclosure of Peer Review Organization (PRO) Information-42 CFR Sections 476.104, 476.105, 476.116, and 476.134; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-70; *Use:* "Medicare Disclosure Information, Regulatory" The Peer Review Improvement Act of 1982 authorizes PRO's to acquire information necessary to fulfill their duties and functions and places limits on disclosure of the information. These

requirements are on the PRO to provide notices to the affected parties when disclosing information about them. These requirements serve to protect the rights of the affected parties; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; *Number of Respondents:* 53; *Total Annual Hours:* 30,577.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Prepaid Health Plan Cost Report; *Form No.:* HCFA-276; *Use:* These forms are needed to establish the reasonable cost providing covered services to the enrolled Medicare population of an HMO in accordance with Section 1876 of the Social Security Act; *Frequency:* Quarterly, Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; *Number of Respondents:* 82; *Total Annual Hours:* 9,934.

4. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Credit Balance Reporting Requirements; *Form No.:* HCFA-838; *Use:* The collection of credit balance information is needed to ensure that millions of dollars in improper program payments are collected. Approximately 37,600 health care providers will be required to submit a quarterly credit balance report that indicates the amount of improper payments they received that are due to Medicare. The intermediaries will monitor the reports to ensure these funds are collected; *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Not for profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 37,600; *Total Annual Hours:* 902,400.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent 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, DC 20503.

Dated: August 12, 1996.

Edwin J. Glatzel,

Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Health Resources and Services Administration**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions 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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project**Customer Survey of Entities Eligible To Participate in the Drug Pricing Program—New**

Section 602 of the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 enacted Section 340B of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, "Limitation of Prices of Drugs Purchased by Covered Entities." This section provides that a manufacturer that sells outpatient drugs to covered entities must agree to charge a price that will not exceed the amount determined under a statutory formula. The covered entities—certain PHS grantees, disproportionate share hospitals (DSHs), and other selected entities, total approximately 11,000 sites. Most of these entities serve the economically

disadvantaged or medically uninsured. The legislative intent of Section 340B is "to enable * * * certain Federally-funded clinics to obtain lower prices on the drugs that they provide to their patients."

A customer survey is being developed to collect information by mail on

various aspects of the program, including, for example, whether information on the program is reaching the covered entities, reasons some entities are not participating, satisfaction with the savings realized, and interest in possible modifications to

the program. Both participating and nonparticipating entities will be included in the survey. The results will be used to improve the design and management of the program. Burden estimates are as follows:

Respondents	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden per response	Total burden hours
Covered Entities	925	1	.25	231.

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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 J. Henry Montes,
Associate Administrator for Policy Coordination.
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National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Women's Health and Aging Study—Telephone Follow-up

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: Title: Women's Health and Aging Study—Telephone Follow-up. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision. Need and Use of Information Collection: This proposed study is designed to obtain additional data on women (previously examined in the Women's Health and Aging Study, OMB No. 0925-0376, expiration 8/31/97) through telephone interviews with participants or their proxies 1 and 2 years after their final in-home contacts. The Women's Health and Aging Study (WHAS) is a community-based prospective epidemiologic study whose goal is to study the causes and course of physical disability in the one-third most disabled women living in the community. The main objective of this additional data collection is to obtain information on disability and nursing home admission

that will serve as end points in 5-year prospective analyses. This information will be a valuable addition to outcome data on death and hospital admissions that will be obtained through linkage with the National Death Index and the Health Care Financing Administration Medicare data base for this same period of time. The variables collected in the follow-up telephone assessments will provide important endpoints for a great many analyses that address the primary goal of the study, evaluating factors related to the progression of disability and need for long-term care. Frequency of Response: Once a year. Affected Public: Individuals or households. Type of Respondents: Women age 68 and older. Estimated Number of Respondents: 800; Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2; Average Burden Hours Per Response: .33; Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 267. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$2,664. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the

proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Jack Guralnik, Chief Epidemiology and Demography Office, Epidemiology, Demography, and Biometry Program, NIA, NIH, Gateway Building, Room 3C309, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue MSC 9205, Bethesda, MD 20892-9205, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-1178 or E-mail your request, including your address to: JG48S@nih.gov

COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before October 21, 1996.

Colleen Barros,
Executive Officer, NIA.
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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on June 7, 1996, page 29106 and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: Title: Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial. Type of Information