comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: January 16, 1998.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the ''Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities.'' This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 14½% for the quarter ended December 31, 1997. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: January 20, 1998.

George Strader,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Population-Specific Issues.

Times and Dates: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., February 9, 1998; 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., February 10, 1998.

Place: Wyndam Metro Center Hotel, 10220 North Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, Arizona.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The Subcommittee is in the process of examining a number of data needs and issues associated with Medicaid managed care. The purpose of this site visit to Arizona is to obtain information on one State's Medicaid managed care program, with special attention to data needs, data systems, data uses and data issues. Presentations are planned involving representatives of State agencies, providers, plans, and patient advocacy groups who will describe their data needs and issues relating to Medicaid managed care. A subsequent site visit to Massachusetts also is planned.

Contact Person for more Information: Substantive program information as well as a roster of committee members may be obtained from Carolyn Rimes, lead Subcommittee staff, Health Care Financing Administration, DHHS, 7500 Security Boulevard, C–3–21–06, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850, telephone (410) 786–6620, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436–7050. Additional information about the full Committee is available on the NCVHS website, where the tentative agenda for the Subcommittee meeting will also be posted when available: http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs

Dated: January 20, 1998.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N–0535]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Institutional Review Boards: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on FDA's protection of human subjects recordkeeping and reporting requirements for institutional review boards (IRB's). IRB's are groups composed of members of varying backgrounds which are charged with reviewing the ethics and risk/benefit aspects of clinical studies involving human subjects to assure that the rights and welfare of human subjects are adequately protected.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by March 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JonnaLynn P. Capezzuto, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–4659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.