

- d. Will the unfixed Y2K problems affect a consumer reporting agency or third party's compliance with federal consumer credit protection statutes? If so, how?
- e. Will the unfixed Y2K problems result in erroneous information being reported to or from third parties? What, if any, steps are being taken to avert such erroneous reporting? What, if any, steps are being taken to handle consumer complaints related to such erroneous reporting?

*Retailers and Other Businesses Involved in Consumer Financial Services*²⁰

- 7.1 What types of computer or other automated systems (including cash registers, credit/debit card equipment, other electronic fund transfer devices, etc.) used by retailers and others in connection with third-party credit/leasing transactions, electronic fund transfers, other forms of payments, or other types of consumer financial services process, store, display, or otherwise utilize dates? How are the dates utilized?
- 7.2 What types of systems used by retailers and others in connection with third-party credit/leasing transactions, electronic fund transfers, other forms of payments, or other types of consumer financial services, if any, are likely to have Y2K problems? What is the nature of the problems?
- 7.3 For each type of system used by retailers and others in connection with third-party credit/leasing transactions, electronic fund transfers, other forms of payments, or other types of consumer financial services, that is likely to have Y2K problems, what has been done or will be done to fix the problem? If a fix is planned but has not yet occurred, when will it occur? If a fix cannot or will not occur before January 1, 2000, why not?

Availability of Submissions

All submissions received in response to this Notice will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and Commission regulations, 16 CFR 4.9, on normal business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Public Reference Room 130, Federal Trade Commission, Sixth Street & Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580. The

²⁰To the extent that a retailer or other business involved in consumer financial services might also be a finance entity, these questions are in addition to those directed to all finance entities.

Commission will make this Notice, and to the extent technically possible, all submissions received in response to this Notice, available to the public through the Internet at the following address: <<http://www.ftc.gov>>.

Confidentiality

Persons submitting material in response to this Notice may designate that material or portions of it confidential and request that it be withheld from the public record. No such material or portions of material will be placed on the public record until the General Counsel has ruled on the request for confidential treatment and provided any prior notice to the submitter required by law. All requests for confidential treatment shall be supported by a showing of justification in light of applicable statutes, rules, orders of the Commission or its administrative law judges, orders of the courts, or other relevant authority.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

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 Projects 1. Study of Frail Elders in Medicare Managed Care, New

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation is proposing to conduct a study of how managed care delivery systems can meet the needs of elderly beneficiaries with disabilities and chronic illnesses. A survey of Medicare beneficiaries will be conducted to identify ways in which managed care can add value and barriers to realizing added value.
Respondents: Individuals or households; *Number of Responses:* 3264; *Average Burden per Response:* 35.57 minutes; *Total Burden:* 1,935 hours.

Send comments 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 60 days of this notice.

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Dennis P. Williams,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Supporting Field Initiated Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evaluation

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and request for applications to enhance existing evaluations on teen pregnancy prevention programs.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) announces that applications are being accepted for funding to augment existing evaluations of teen pregnancy prevention interventions that are rigorous in design and already have funding. The primary goal of the proposed grants is to further the understanding of teen pregnancy prevention interventions and the extent to which these interventions meet their goal of reducing teenage pregnancies. Federal funding under this announcement is intended to support evaluation exclusively, not program operation or service provision. Projects funded under this announcement are