

minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Medicare+Choice Beneficiary Notices, Volume 1 and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.60;

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-314 (OMB# 0938-NEW);

*Use:* HCFA is requesting approval of 5 Medicare+Choice (M+C) election notices that M+C organizations will be required to send to Medicare beneficiaries who submit applications for enrollment. The notices will be used to inform Medicare beneficiaries of the status and outcome of an application to enroll in a M+C organization. All M+C organizations will be required to use the language in these notices, but may print the notices on their business letterhead. Neither HCFA nor the M+C organizations will use such notices to collect and analyze data on beneficiary M+C enrollment. They are for information purposes only.;

*Frequency:* On occasion, One time only;

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Individuals or Households;

*Number of Respondents:* 2,853,347;

*Total Annual Responses:* 2,853,347;

*Total Annual Hours:* 109,314.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards Attention: Dawn Willingham Room N2-14-26 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, DHHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this 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.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* "Important Message About Medicare Rights: Admission, Discharge, & Appeals." Title XVIII Section 1866(a)(1)(M) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 466.78, 489.20, 489.34, 489.32, 411.404, 412.42, 417.440.

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-193 (OMB #0938-0692).

*Use:* Hospitals participating in the Medicare program have agreed to distribute "Important Message About Medicare Rights: Admission, Discharge, & Appeals" to beneficiaries during the course of their hospital stay and inform them of their impending discharge. Receiving this information will provide all Medicare beneficiaries with some ability to participate and/or initiate discussions concerning actions that may affect their Medicare coverage, payment, and appeal rights in response to hospital notification that their care will no longer continue.

*Frequency:* Other: As needed.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal

Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 6,293.

*Total Annual Responses:* 11,000,000.

*Total Annual Hours:* 1,100,000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration.

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