

DATES: (1) The Commission will meet February 16, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW., Washington, DC 20008. (2) Written comments on the scope and intent of the Commission's objectives may be submitted up to 5 p.m. E.S.T. on June 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth D. Fisher, Ph.D., Executive Director, Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Room 738G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20201, (202) 205-5968.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels

The President announced his intent to appoint the following seven persons as members of the Commission on October 2, 1995. The Commission is chaired by Malden Nesheim, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Other members of the Commission are Annette Dickenson, Council for Responsible Nutrition, Washington, DC; Norman R. Farnsworth, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; Margaret Gilhooley, Seton Hall University, School of Law, Newark, New Jersey; Shiriki Kumanyika, Pennsylvania State College of Medicine, Hershey, Pennsylvania; Robert McCaleb, Herb Research Foundation, Boulder, Colorado; and Anthony Podesta, Podesta Associates, Washington, DC.

Commission's Task

Public Law 103-417, Section 12, authorizes the establishment of a Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels whose seven members are appointed by the President. The appointments to the Commission by the President and the establishment of the Commission by the Secretary of Health and Human Services reflect the commitment of the President and the Secretary to the development of a sound and consistent regulatory policy on labeling of dietary supplements.

The Commission is charged with conducting a study and providing recommendations for regulation of label claims and statements for dietary supplements, including the use of supplemental literature in connection with their sale and, in addition, procedures for evaluation of label claims. The Commission is expected to evaluate how best to provide truthful, scientifically valid, and nonmisleading information to consumers in order that they make informed health care choices

for themselves and their families. The Commission's study report may include recommendations on legislation, if appropriate and necessary.

Announcement of Meeting

The Commission's first meeting will be February 16, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW., Washington, DC 20008. The agenda will include (a) orientation, (b) discussion of the Commission's charge, (c) receipt of information on current Department of Health and Human Services activities related to dietary supplements, and (d) oral comments from interested parties and the general public.

Public Participation at Meeting

The meeting is open to the public. However, space is limited. Both oral and written comments from the public will be accepted, but oral comments at the meeting will be limited to a maximum of five minutes per presenter; thus, organizations and persons that wish to make their views known to the Commission should use the time for oral presentation to summarize their written comments. Members of the Commission may wish to question the presenters following each oral presentation. Please request the opportunity to present oral comments in writing and provide nine (9) copies of the written comments from which the oral presentation is abstracted to the address above by February 9, 1996. If you will require a sign language interpreter, please call Sandra Saunders (202) 260-0375 by 4:30 p.m. E.S.T. on February 9, 1996.

Written Comments

By this notice, the Commission is soliciting submission of written comments, views, information and data pertinent to Commission's task. Comments should be sent to Kenneth D. Fisher, Executive Director of the Commission at the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Room 738G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20201, by 5 p.m. E.S.T. on June 30, 1996.

Claude Earl Fox,

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Health Care Financing Administration

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

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

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 (DHHS), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirement for Emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320, in order to prevent hospitals from inappropriately transferring individuals with emergency medical conditions, as mandated by Congress. The Agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because public harm is likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Without this information, HCFA could not assure compliance with this Congressional mandate.

HCFA is requesting that OMB provide a two-day review and a 90-day approval. During this 90-day period HCFA will publish a separate Federal Register notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. Then HCFA will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Emergency (This is an identical package to the one that was approved in January, 1995. This is not a new package.); **Title of Information Collection:** Information Collection Requirements Contained in BPD-393, Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor; **Form No.:** HCFA-R-142; **Use:** BPD-393 contains information collection requirements for hospitals that would seek to prevent them from inappropriately transferring individuals with emergency medical conditions, as mandated by Congress. HCFA will use this information to help assure compliance with this mandate. This information is not contained elsewhere in regulations. **Frequency:** On occasion; **Affected Public:** Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government; **Number of**

Respondents: 7,000; Total Annual Responses: 7,000; Total Annual Hours Requested: 8,818,577.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 2 working 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, D.C. 20503.

Dated: January 25, 1996.

Kathleen B. Larson,

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

Program Announcement for Contracts for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program for Fiscal Year 1996

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications for contracts for fiscal year (FY) 1996, for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) are now being accepted under section 738(a) of the Public Health Service Act (The Act).

This program announcement is subject to reauthorization of the legislative authority and to the appropriation of funds. Applicants are advised that this program announcement is a contingency action being taken to assure that should authority and funds become available for this purpose, they can be awarded in a timely fashion consistent with the needs of the program as well as to provide for even distribution of funds throughout the fiscal year. At this time, given a continuing resolution and the absence of FY 1996 appropriations for title VII programs, the amount of available funding for this program cannot be estimated.

Purpose

The purpose of the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP), authorized by section 738(a), is to attract disadvantaged health professionals into faculty positions in accredited health professions schools. The program

provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professions personnel from disadvantaged backgrounds who will serve as members of the faculties of those schools. The FLRP is directed at those individuals available to serve immediately or within a short time as "new" full-time faculty members. Loan repayment may be provided only for an individual who has *not* been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the 18-month period preceding the date on which the Secretary receives the request of the individual for a repayment contract (i.e., "new" faculty).

Section 738(b) makes available grants and contracts with schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, pharmacy, public health, health administration, clinical psychology and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist in increasing the number of underrepresented minority faculty. Section 738(b) will be implemented as a separate program.

Eligible Individuals

Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are eligible to compete for participation in the FLRP if they:

1. Have degrees in medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health or clinical psychology; or
2. Are enrolled in an approved graduate training program in one of the health professions listed above; or
3. Are enrolled as full-time students in the final year of health professions training, leading to a degree from an eligible school.

Established faculty members are not eligible to apply for funds under the FLRP. Only individuals that have not taught in the last 18 (eighteen) months prior to application to the program will be considered.

Statutory Requirements

Prior to submitting an application for a contract for loan repayment, individuals must sign a contract with an eligible school, as prescribed by the Secretary, setting forth the terms and conditions of the FLRP. This contract with the school must require the individual to serve as a full-time member of the faculty, as determined by the school, for not less than 2 years, whereby the school agrees to pay, for each year, a sum (in addition to faculty salary) equal to that paid by the Secretary towards the repayment of principal due on the applicant's health professions educational loans.

Additionally, the individual involved may not have been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the last 18 months prior to application to the program.

Eligible Schools

Eligible schools are public or nonprofit private accredited schools of medicine, nursing, as defined in section 853 of the Act, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine or public health, or schools that offer graduate programs in clinical psychology and which are located in States as provided in section 799 of the Act.

Provisions of the Loan Repayment Program

Section 738(a) authorizes repayment, for each year of service, as much as 20 percent of the outstanding principal and interest on the individuals educational loans, not to exceed \$20,000 for any given year. The school pays an equal amount, unless the Secretary determines that the repayment will impose an undue financial hardship on the school in which case, the Secretary may pay up to the entire 20 percent.

The school is required, for each such year, to make payments of principal and interest in an amount equal to the amount of payment made by the Secretary for that year. These payments must be in addition to the faculty salary the participant otherwise would receive.

Allowable educational loan repayment expenses include the following:

1. Tuition expenses;
2. All other reasonable educational expenses such as fees, books, supplies, educational equipment and materials required by the school, and incurred by the applicant;
3. Reasonable living expenses, as determined by the Secretary; and
4. Partial payments of the increased Federal income tax liability caused by the FLRP's payments and considered to be "other income," if the recipient requests such assistance.

Prior to entering into a contract for repayment of loans, the Secretary requires satisfactory evidence of the existence and reasonableness of the individual's educational loans, including a copy of the original written loan agreement establishing the outstanding educational loan.

Waiver Provision

In the event of undue financial hardship to a school, the school may obtain from the Secretary a waiver of its share of payments while the participant