

from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, ORI found that Dr. Harrington had (1) falsely described the addition of GDP to a G-protein subunit buffer, when she had omitted it from some of the experiments; (2) falsified three figures (a) by falsely depicting the course of an electrophysiological response as being due to a combination of two substances that had not been combined and (b) by falsely representing a single channel current record as being an example of a distinct channel type that was elicited by the substance  $G_{\alpha q}$ , which had not been added prior to the recording; and (3) intentionally incorporated the falsified data from the experiments in which GDP had been omitted into her statistical descriptions.

The Journal of Neuroscience manuscript was withdrawn and was never published.

Dr. Harrington has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which she has voluntarily agreed, for the three (3) year period beginning October 23, 1996:

(1) To voluntarily exclude herself from serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service (PHS), including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant; and

(2) That any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which the respondent's participation is proposed or which uses the respondent in any capacity on PHS supported research must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of her duties. The supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of the respondent's research contribution. The institution must submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Acting Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330. Chris B. Pascal,

Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.  
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**Agency for Health Care Policy and Research**

**Notice of Health Care Policy and Research; Special Emphasis Panel Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of November 1996:

*Name:* Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date and Time:* November 13, 1996, 3:15 p.m.

*Place:* Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open November 13, 1996, 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

*Purpose:* This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing conferences on issues relevant to health services research.

*Agenda:* The open session of the meeting on November 13, from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the panel will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Carmen Johnson, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1449 x1613.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: October 30, 1996.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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**Health Care Financing Administration**

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

**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, is publishing the following summaries 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.

1. HCFA-R-143 *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Analysis of Malpractice Premium Data; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-143; *Use:* The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1989 section 1848(e)(P.L.101-239) requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop and update geographic adjustment factors for existing payment localities used in calculating the Medicare fee schedule. HCFA is also required by the law to compute the annual rate of increase in malpractice premiums for use in the Medicare Economic Index in setting the Medicare physician fee schedule update; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal govt., business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 50; *Total Annual Hours:* 150.

2. HCFA-644 *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection:* Intake and Assessment Survey Package for the Community Nursing Organization Demonstration; *Form No.:* HCFA-644; *Use:* The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987 section 4079 requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct a demonstration project, testing capitated payment for community nursing and ambulatory care services (primarily Medicare-covered home health services, medical devices and durable medical equipment, and certain ambulatory care) provided to Medicare beneficiaries by community nurse organizations sites. This aspect of the demonstration is aimed at replacing the multiple payment mechanisms, such as reasonable cost, predetermined fee

schedules, and usual, customary, and prevailing costs, which exist currently; *Frequency*: Annually; *Affected Public*: Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 11,300; *Total Annual Responses*: 11,300; *Total Annual Hours*: 6385.

3. HCFA-841-853 *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier, Certificate of Medical Necessity; *Form Nos.*: HCFA-841-853 (formerly HCFA-R-182); *Use*: A Certificate of Medical Necessity is a standardized format used to communicate information provided by an attending physician and a supplier of medical equipment and supplies. The information is used by carriers to determine the medical necessity of an item or service covered by the Medicare program and being used for the treatment of the Medicare beneficiary's condition. The CMNs being submitted for OMB review are necessary in order for HCFA to determine the medical necessity of the item or service. The information needed to make this determination requires application of medical judgment that can only be provided by a physician or other clinician who is familiar with the condition of the beneficiary; *Frequency*: On Occasion; *Affected Public*: Suppliers and physicians, business or other for-profit, federal government; *Number of Respondents*: 140,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 6.8 million; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 1.7 million.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov>, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, 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 Financial and Human Resources, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Attention: John Burke, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Edwin J. Glatzel,  
*Director, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.*  
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#### [HCFA-R-30]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal 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.

*Type of Information Collection Request*: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; *Title of Information Collection*: ICR in the Hospice Care Regulation for 42 CFR@418.22, 418.24, 418.28, 418.56(b), 418.56(e)(1), 418.56(e)(3), 418.58, 418.70(d), 418.70(e), 418.74, 418.83, 418.96(b) and 418.100(b); *Form No.*: HCFA-R-30; *Use*: The HCFA-R-30 establishes standards for hospices who wish to participate in the Medicare program. The regulations establish standards for eligibility, reimbursement standards and procedures, and delineate conditions that hospices must meet to be approved for participation in Medicare. *Frequency*: On occasion; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 1,927; *Total Annual Responses*: 1,927; *Total Annual Hours Requested*: 3,977,762.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov>, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related

forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, 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 30 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance 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.

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Edwin J. Glatzel,  
*Director, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.*  
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#### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Standard Needs Assessment Protocol for the National AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program—New—The National AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program is a network of fifteen regional centers with more than 75 local performance sites that conduct targeted multidisciplinary HIV education and training programs for health care providers. AETCs are required, as a condition of award, to conduct periodic assessments of the learning needs of health care providers in their catchment areas, before designing the training programs they intend to offer. The AETC program has developed a national learning needs assessment tool and protocol, which has been field tested and is now available for use by all fifteen AETCs. The survey instruments will be sent to a random sample of approximately 35,418 health care