

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 97D-0224]

Substances Prohibited From Use in Animal Food or Feed; Animal Proteins Prohibited From Ruminant Feed; Small Entity Compliance Guide; Availability**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a compliance guide entitled "Animal Proteins Prohibited from Ruminant Feed; Small Entity Compliance Guide." This compliance guide is intended to help small entities comply with the final rule prohibiting the use of protein derived from mammals (with certain exceptions) in the feed of the ruminant animals. This action is being taken under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

DATES: Comments may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of "Animal Proteins Prohibited from Ruminant Feed; Small Entity Compliance Guide" to the Communications Staff, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-12), 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your requests. Copies are also available on CVM's Internet Website at "http://www.cvm.fda.gov/". Submit written comments on the compliance guide to Gloria J. Dunnavan (address below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria J. Dunnavan, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-230), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301-594-1726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of June 5, 1997 (62 FR 30936), FDA issued a final rule to prohibit the use of protein derived from mammals (with certain exceptions) in the feed of ruminant animals. This final rule is effective August 4, 1997.

Under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (Pub. L. 104-121), FDA is announcing the availability of a compliance guide which is intended to help small businesses comply with the requirements of the new rule.

This compliance guide represents the agency's current thinking on compliance with the final rule. It does

not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statute, regulations, or both.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,*Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

[HCFA-2540S]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. 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: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System Cost Report; *Form No.:* HCFA-2540S; *Use:* This cost report is used by free standing SNFs to achieve a final accounting adjustment of costs for health care services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries. *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 1,441; *Total Annual Hours:* 142,659.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to

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: Louis Blank, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Edwin J. Glatzel,*Director, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Resources and Services Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

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 Project: The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Application (OMB No. 0915-0140)—Extension—This is a request for

extension of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the application form for the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP). The NELRP was originally authorized by 42 U.S.C. 297b(h) (section 836(h) of the Public Health Service Act) as amended by Public Law 100-607, November 4, 1988. The NELRP is currently authorized by 42 U.S.C. 297(n) (section 846 of the Public Health Service Act) as amended by Public Law 102-408, October 13, 1992. The application form is currently approved under OMB No. 0915-0140, which expires 12/31/97.

Under the NELRP, registered nurses are offered the opportunity to enter into a contractual agreement with the

Secretary, under which the Public Health Service agrees to repay the nurses' indebtedness for nursing education. In exchange, the nurses agree to serve for a specified period of time in certain types of health facilities identified in the statute.

Nurse educational loan repayment contracts will be approved by the Secretary for eligible nurses who have incurred previous monetary indebtedness by accepting a loan for nursing education costs from a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, insurance company, Government agency or program, school, or other lender that meets NELRP criteria.

Approval is requested for the application form. The application form requires information from two types of respondents:

a. Applicants must provide information on the proposed service site and on all nursing education loans for which reimbursement is requested, and

b. Lenders must provide information on loan status for all loans accepted for repayment.

The application form is not being changed, so the estimates of average burden to complete the forms remains the same. Burden estimates are as follows:

Form/regulatory requirement	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
NELRP Application	1,000	1	1.5	1,500
Loan Verification Form	*200	1	.25	50
Total	1,200	1,550

* The remainder of the loans are verified through credit reports.

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

James J. Corrigan,

Acting Associate Administrator for Management and Program Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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:

Proposed Project: Consortia Development for Health Professions Training in Community-Based Settings—New—Consortia which include academic institutions and community-based providers have been proposed as one mechanism for improving collaboration between health professions schools and communities, enabling them to provide relevant educational experiences and facilitating meeting education and workforce goals. The consortia should be based on a formal association of academic health professions training schools or programs and community-based providers (e.g., community/migrant health centers, managed care organizations) involved, at least, in part, in the entry-level education and/or continuing education of health professionals. The purposes of this project are (1) to prepare an inventory of consortia for health professions education, (2) to examine the characteristics of successful consortia, and (3) to examine the role that consortia play in assisting health professions schools or programs to prepare health care providers for the evolving health care system.

An initial survey will be conducted by mail of consortia identified through informal conversations with key academic representatives, community-based providers, and other knowledgeable individuals, and a literature review. The initial survey will be used to gather information needed to determine whether the consortia meet the study definition, and, for those that do, to collect additional information that generally describes the consortia, including their goals and accomplishments. From the information gathered in the initial survey, 20 consortia will be selected for additional study as models of successful consortia, based on criteria established by an advisory workgroup.

The second survey will consist of phone interviews with up to 20 of the consortia identified as successful models from the initial survey. These data will describe the characteristics of successful consortia in more detail (leadership, organizational models, missions and goals, financing arrangements, facilitating factors, and barriers). Data will also be collected to determine the role that consortia play in assisting health professional schools to prepare health care providers for the evolving health care system. The burden estimates are as follows:

Form name	No. of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Mail Survey of Consortia:					