

registration is maintained without adverse action by NFA's Registration, Compliance, Legal Committee despite potential statutory disqualifications. In order to ensure appropriate oversight, the Commission will review the schedules to determine whether it should provide further guidance to NFA on particular issues regarding registration in any of the Commission's registration categories. In addition, the Commission will continue to monitor NFA activities through periodic rule enforcement reviews.

### United States of America

*Before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Order Authorizing the Performance of Registration Processing Functions*

### I. Authority and Background

Section 8a(10) of the Act<sup>8</sup> provides that the Commission may authorize any person to perform any portion of the registration functions under the Act, notwithstanding any other provision of law, in accordance with rules adopted by such person and submitted to the Commission for approval or, if applicable, for review pursuant to Section 17(j) of the Act<sup>9</sup> and subject to the provisions of the Act applicable to registrations granted by the Commission. Section 17(o)(1) of the Act<sup>10</sup> provides that the Commission may require NFA to perform Commission registration functions, in accordance with the Act and NFA rules.

Upon consideration, the Commission has determined to authorize NFA, effective July 3, 1997, to grant or maintain, either with or without conditions or restrictions, FB or FT registration where NFA previously would have forwarded such a case to the Commission for review of disciplinary history in order to provide the Commission with an opportunity to object to such granting or maintenance of registration. However, the Commission will continue to handle any matter that already has been referred to it by NFA. The Commission also will continue to accept or act upon requests for exemption and render "no-action" opinions with respect to applicable registration requirements.

NFA remains subject to the present requirement that it monitor compliance with the conditions and restrictions imposed on conditioned and restricted registrants.<sup>11</sup> Such conditions and restrictions are designed to ensure

compliance with the Act and Commission regulations and typically include sponsorship and/or an automatic suspension clause, as well as a dual trading prohibition in certain cases involving FBs. Such conditions or restrictions generally are imposed for two years.

In granting and maintaining registration pursuant to this Order, NFA shall be subject to all other requirements and obligations imposed upon it by the Commission in existing or future Orders or regulations. In this regard, NFA also shall implement such additional procedures (or modify existing procedures) as are necessary and acceptable to the Commission to ensure the security and integrity of the FB, FT or applicant records in NFA's custody; to facilitate prompt access to those records by the Commission and its staff, particularly as described in other Commission Orders or rules; to facilitate disclosure of public or nonpublic information in those records when permitted by Commission Orders or rules and to keep logs as required by the Commission concerning disclosure of nonpublic information; and otherwise to safeguard the confidentiality of the records.

### II. Conclusion and Order

The Commission has determined, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8a(10) of the Act, to authorize NFA, effective July 3, 1997, to perform the following registration functions:

(1) Grant, either with or without conditions, FB or FT registration where NFA previously would have forwarded such a case to the Commission for review of disciplinary history in order to provide the Commission with an opportunity to object to such granting of registration; and

(2) Maintain, either with or without restrictions, FB or FT registration where NFA previously would have forwarded such a case to the Commission for review of new disciplinary history in order to provide the Commission with an opportunity to object to such maintenance of registration.

NFA shall perform these functions in accordance with the standards established by the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

These determinations are based upon the Congressional intent expressed in Sections 8a(10) and 17(o) of the Act that the Commission be allowed to authorize NFA to perform any portion of the Commission's registration responsibilities under the Act for purposes of carrying out these responsibilities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, and NFA's representations concerning standards and procedures to be followed in administering these functions.

This Order does not, however, authorize NFA to accept or act upon requests for exemption from registration or to render "no-action" opinions or interpretations with respect to applicable registration requirements.

Nothing in this Order or in Sections 8a(10) or 17 of the Act shall affect the Commission's authority to review the granting of a registration application by NFA in the performance of Commission registration functions, or to review the maintenance of registration by NFA.<sup>12</sup>

Issued in Washington, D.C. on June 26, 1997 by the Commission.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Title and Association Form:** Telecommunications Service Priority System; SF Forms 314, 315, 317, 318, 319; OMB Number 0704-0305.

**Type of Request:** Revision.

**Number of Respondents:** 96.

**Responses per Respondent:** 20.

**Annual Responses:** 1,945.

**Average Burden per Response:** 2 hours.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 4,090.

**Needs and Uses:** This collection of information is necessary to determine participation in and to ensure efficient operation of the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System. The purpose of the TSP System is to provide a legal basis for telecommunications vendors to give priority treatment of particular telecommunications services that have been identified as the most important services supporting national security or emergency preparedness. This information is required to allow the Office of the Manager, National Communications System (OMNCS) to track and identify the telecommunications services that are being provided priority treatment.

<sup>8</sup> 7 U.S.C. 12a(10) (1994).

<sup>9</sup> 7 U.S.C. 21(j) (1994).

<sup>10</sup> 7 U.S.C. 21(o)(1) (1994).

<sup>11</sup> See 59 FR 38957, 38958 n.6.

<sup>12</sup> See also 7 U.S.C. 21(o) (3) and (4) (1994) and 17 CFR Part 171 (1996).

*Affected Public:* Business or Other For-Profit; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondents Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Office for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: June 27, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Mental Health Wrap-Around Demonstration Project

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of demonstration project.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise interested parties of a demonstration project (an amendment to the managed care support contract in regions 7 and 8), in which DoD will enroll a certain number of significantly emotionally disturbed children in TRICARE Regions 7 and 8 into a Mental Health Wraparound demonstration project. In order to be eligible for this project, children must be between the ages of 4 and 16 at the time of enrollment, have a serious emotional disturbance that is generally regarded as amenable to treatment, and, at the time of referral, require at least residential level of care, utilizing Health Management Strategies International, Inc. (HMSI) criteria, or are preparing for discharge from a residential or inpatient facility and are at high risk for recidivism. Additionally, a current DSM IV diagnosis is required. Children and adolescents who have a DSM IV diagnosis which is not generally regarded as either serious and/or amenable to treatment are not eligible for this demonstration. Parental consent is a necessary prerequisite to being enrolled in the demonstration.

The purpose of this demonstration is to determine if: wraparound services

provided through comprehensive and continued management of care for child and adolescent mental health patients: (1) Enables shorter inpatient stays and reduces recidivism for inpatient treatment and, (2) reduce costs of inpatient psychiatric and residential care. The contractor shall share financial risk by accepting as a maximum annual payment for such services a case rate reimbursement not in excess of the amount of the annual standard CHAMPUS residential treatment benefit payable (as determined in accordance with section 8.1 of chapter 3 of volume II of the CHAMPUS policy manual). All participants enrolled in this project will be considered as TRICARE Prime enrollees for the purpose of applicable co-pays.

Traditionally, mental health services to children and adolescents have constituted a large portion of CHAMPUS reimbursement costs for DoD. The most expensive form of these services has been the long term residential treatment of children. The efficacy of this treatment modality compared to other emerging less traditional programs has not been assessed sufficiently to determine if it is the most appropriate in terms of patient outcomes and costs. These services have been generally supported through a fee for service or per diem basis. With the transition to managed care principles and practices in DoD, attempts to control costs while maintaining or improving the quality of medical care provided to our beneficiaries has driven DoD to question the traditional mental health delivery systems.

Although the standard CHAMPUS mental health benefit is generous as compared to industry standards, non-institutional benefits currently offered are conservative. They may not lend themselves to well to innovative, managed care efforts which try to effectively treat patients in the least restrictive and most cost effective health care settings. Local, supportive, and individualized services based on the specific needs of the emotionally disturbed child or adolescent are thought to lead to greater improvement in outcomes and relationships with other family members, and in less need for institutional care. The demonstration will provide residential and wraparound services, including nontraditional mental health services that will assist the child to be maintained in the least-restrictive and least-costly setting. The demonstration will offer benefits not currently available under CHAMPUS reimbursement; specifically, alternative

living arrangements (therapeutic foster care; therapeutic group living; brief, time-limited respite services in a residential setting; and crisis stabilization in a residential setting), and psychiatric home health care.

The contractor shall ensure a network of facilities is available to service the participants in the demonstration. This shall be a community-based program, utilizing established network and local resources. No mental health services shall be provided which are directly related to custodial care or determined to be primarily educational. All mental health providers used in this demonstration will be CHAMPUS authorized. Providers of unique, CHAMPUS excluded benefits must meet national/local licensing standards and/or credentialing mandates, (i.e. foster care/day care providers).

Upon initial evaluation at the comprehensive treatment facility, each beneficiary in the demonstration project, will be afforded the services of a case manager, who will coordinate and monitor all services provided by each and every member of the client's treatment team. Case managers will, beyond case coordination, have the latitude to make implementation decisions about the provisions of all unique mental health services.

A Clinical Management Committee will be established for the purpose of overseeing the quality of the clinical programs included in this demonstration project. The Clinical Management Committee will include multidisciplinary members.

Portability of like services within regional boundaries may also threaten the efficacy of mental health treatment for DoD beneficiaries in this age group. The continuation of support for these children regardless of their location within the regional boundaries will be an important part of this demonstration. This seamless continuum of care offered to these children will contribute to their recovery with the most effective use of available resources. The demonstration will ensure that wraparound services will continue to be provided to an enrolled child who moves to another location within TRICARE Regions 7/8 during the period of the demonstration.

The demonstration project will be evaluated using predetermined outcome oriented treatment objectives. The evaluation will assess the feasibility of implementing the program throughout the military health service system. DoD will conduct this demonstration for a period of at least two years from November 1, 1997, through September 30, 1999. This demonstration project is being conducted under the authority of