to support the non-federal share could include State agency as well as private non-governmental sources. No in-kind contributions are allowed as the non-federal share of the grant. Private sector contributions that require product endorsement or an advertising tie-in are not permitted, only unrestricted cash donations will be considered.

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Dated: March 2, 1998.

**Yvette S. Jackson,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Health Care Financing Administration

## Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority; Office of the Actuary

Part F of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), (**Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 85, pp. 24121–24122, dated Friday, May 2, 1997, and **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 129, pg. 36294, dated Monday, July 7, 1997) is amended as a result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to reflect a change to the Actuarial and Health Cost Analysis Group in the Office of Strategic Planning (OSP). Specifically, the Actuarial and Health Cost Analysis Group (FAKC) and its subordinate divisions are abolished and replaced by the Office of the Actuary (OACT) which will now report directly to the Administrator. The functional responsibilities of the remaining components in OSP are not affected. OACT's administrative code is changed from FAKC to FAN.

The specific amendments to Part F are described below:

• Section F.10. (Organization) is amended to read as follows:

4. Office of Strategic Planning (FAK)
a. Research and Evaluation Group (FAKA)
b. Planning and Policy Analysis Group (FAKB)
c. Systems, Technical and Analytic Resources Group (FAKD)
d. Information and Methods Group (FAKE)
18. Office of the Actuary (FAN)
a. Medicare and Medicaid Cost Estimates Group (FAN1)
b. National Health Statistics Group (FAN2)

• Section F.20. (Functions) is amended to read as follows:

4. Office of Strategic Planning (FAK)

• Develops and manages the long-term strategic planning process for the Agency; responsible for the Agency's conformance with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

• Provides analytic support and information to the Administrator and the Executive Council needed to establish Agency goals and directions.

• Performs environmental scanning, identifying, evaluating, and reporting emerging trends in health care delivery and financing and their interactions with Agency programs.

• Manages strategic, crosscutting initiatives.

• Designs and conducts research and evaluations of health care programs, studying their impacts on beneficiaries, providers, plans, States and other partners and customers, designing and assessing potential improvements, and developing new measurement tools.

• Coordinates all Agency demonstration activities, including development of the research and demonstration annual plan, evaluation of all Agency demonstrations, and assistance to other components in the design of demonstrations and studies.

• Manages assigned demonstrations, including Federal review, approval, and oversight; coordinates and participates with departmental components in experimental health care delivery projects.

• Develops research, demonstration, and other publications and papers related to health care issues.

18. Office of the Actuary (FAN)

• Conducts and directs the actuarial program for HCFA and directs the development of and methodologies for macroeconomic analysis of health care financing issues.

• Performs actuarial, economic and demographic studies to estimate HCFA program expenditures under current law and under proposed modifications to current law.

• Provides program estimates for use in the President's budget and for reports required by Congress.

• Studies questions concerned with financing present and future health programs, evaluates operations of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund and performs microanalyses for the purpose of assessing the impact of various health care financing factors upon the costs of Federal programs.

• Estimates the financial effects of proposals to create national health insurance systems or other national or incremental health insurance reform.

• Develops and conducts studies to estimate and project national and area health expenditures.

• Develops, maintains, and updates provider market basket input price indexes and the Medicare Economic Index.

• Analyzes data on physicians' costs and charges to develop payment indices and monitors expansion of service and inflation of costs in the health care sector.

• Performs actuarial reviews and audits of employee benefit expenses charged to Medicare by fiscal intermediaries and carriers.

• Publishes cost projections and economic analyses, and provides actuarial, technical advice and consultation to HCFA components, governmental components, Congress, and outside organizations.

a. Medicare and Medicaid Cost Estimates Group (FAN1)

• Evaluates the financial status of the Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Funds and prepares the annual report to Congress for the Medicare Board of Trustees.

• Prepares cost estimates for the HI program, the SMI program, and the Medicaid program for use in the President's budget.

• Estimates the financial effects of proposed Medicare and Medicaid legislation.

• Determines key Medicare program amounts, including the Part B premium rates, the inpatient hospital deductible, the Part A premium rate for voluntary enrolles, and the physicians' economic index applicable to prevailing fees.

• Develops the payment rates for the annual update of the Medicare+Choice capitation rate book, which is used to pay managed care organizations that enter into a risk contract with HCFA to provide benefits to Medicare enrolles.

• Serves as technical consultant throughout the Government on Medicare and Medicaid cost estimate issues.

• Provides actuarial consultation to other organizations in the research of managed care payment methodology.

b. National Health Statistics Group (FAN2)

• Develops, maintains and makes analytical use of the National Health Accounts (NHA) which include annual estimates and publication of National Health Expenditures (NHE) and periodic estimates and publication of NHE by age groupings or by region and state.

• Tracks and publishes quarterly health care indicators to identify emerging health sector trends, including data on health care utilization and costs; health sector employment, wages, and prices; and economy-wide economic conditions.

• Prepares estimates of NHE for future years by type of service and source of financing.

• Develops, analyzes and publishes results from health sector models which allow evaluation of the impact of proposed changes to the current health system on the overall economy.

• Develops, maintains, and updates provider market basket input price indexes, including the Hospital Input Price Index, the Medicare Economic Index, and the other price indexes mandated for use in setting Medicare payments to providers.

• Provides technical support for HCFA regulatory processes, especially those related to payment systems or reform.

Dated: February 8, 1998.

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,**

*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The information collection requirements to evaluate visitor response to the recreation fee demonstration program in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuges has been submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, 725—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and a copy to the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, [MS 222 ARLSQ], 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephens R. Vehrs, Refuge Specialist, Division of Refuges, 703/358–2397; or Phadrea Ponds, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins, CO, 970/226–9445.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service submitted the following proposed information collection clearance requirement to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are invited on (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Congress authorized a recreation fee demonstration program in Public Law 104–134. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was one of the four agencies mandated to implement the program and evaluate its impact on the visiting public. This study is designed to scientifically evaluate visitor reactions impact of the fees on visitation to the national wildlife refuges (NWR); it will be conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Social Economic and Institutional Analysis Section in Fort Collins, Colorado under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

To represent the various types of fee changes, as well as fee demonstration refuges, six distinct fee programs and ten refuges were selected for inclusion in the study. These include (1) new entrance fees (Sacramento NWR, CA and Aransas NWR, TX); (2) increased entrance fees (Dungeness NWR, WA); (3) new annual passes (Chincoteaque NWR, VA and Crab Orchard NWR, IL); (4) new hunt fees (St. Catherine's Creek NWR, MS and Balcones NWR, TX); (5) non-hunt use permits (Buenos Aires NWR, AZ and Fort Niobrara NWR, NE), and (6) non-fee adjustments (Piedmont NWR, GA). Random samples of individuals using these refuges will be surveyed.

The Service plans to use as part of the evaluation process a survey questionnaire to assess the different fee programs. An on-site questionnaire will be distributed during the peak season to a random sample of the visiting public. A minimum of 400 completed surveys will be obtained for each fee type. An additional 200 surveys will be obtained from Sacramento NWR to allow for generation of a statistic on credit card entrances. Overall, this will result in a total sample of 2,600 respondents. The margin of error for each fee type is ±5% at the 95% confidence level. The information gained from this survey will provide a scientific basis for evaluating the viability of the fee program among the visiting public. The lead project officer is Dr. Jonathan G. Taylor, Research Social Scientist, phone 970–226–9438, 4512 McMurry Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525–3400.

*Title:* Evaluation of visitor responses to recreation fee demonstration program.

*Bureau form number:* None.

*Frequency of collection:* Annual.

*Description of respondents:* Individuals and households.

*Number of respondents:* 2,600.

*Estimated completion time:* 10 minutes.

*Burden estimate:* 433 hours.

**Paul R. Schmidt,**

*Acting Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

### Environmental Statements; Availability, etc. Lafayette Park Northside Barrier Project

**ACTION:** Announcement: Availability of environmental assessment for the Lafayette Park Northside Barrier project.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service, at the request of the Department of Treasury, has prepared an Environmental Assessment for a construction project to replace temporary security barriers along the north side of Lafayette Park across from the White House with permanent security barriers. The project also includes the future removal by the National Park Service of a lodge house located in Lafayette Park. The document is available for review and public comment through April 15, 1998.

Copies may be requested by calling the National Park Service, White House Liaison, at (202) 619–6344 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written requests may be sent to 1100 Ohio