

referenced below, within ten working days:

Health Care Financing Administration,
Office of Information Services,
Security and Standards Group,
Division of HCFA Enterprise
Standards, Attention: Dawn
Willinghan, Room N2-14-26, 7500
Security Boulevard, Baltimore,
Maryland 21244-1850

AND

Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, Room 10235, New Executive
Office Building, Washington, DC
20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974
or (202) 395-5167, Attn: Allison
Herron Eydt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office
of Information Services, Security and
Standards Group, Division of HCFA
Enterprise Standards.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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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 Request:
Extension of Currently Approved
Collection.

Title of Information Collection: HEDIS
3.0 (Health Plan Data and Information
Set) CAHPS (Consumer Assessment of
Health Plans Study) Survey and

Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 417.470,
417.126.

Form Number: HCFA-R-246 (OMB
approval #: 0938-0732)

Use: This collection effort (CAHPS)
will be used to hold the Medicare
managed care industry accountable for
the quality of care they are delivering.
This requirement will allow HCFA to
obtain the information necessary for the
proper oversight of the program. It is
critical to HCFA's mission that we
collect and disseminate information that
will help beneficiaries choose among
plans, contribute to the improved
quality of care through identification of
quality improvement opportunities, and
assist HCFA in carrying out its
responsibilities.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other
for profit, Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 150,240.

Total Annual Responses: 150,240.

Total Annual Hours Requested:
49,579.

To obtain copies of the supporting
statement for the proposed paperwork
collections referenced above, 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 30 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, DC 20503.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA,
Office of Information Services, Security and
Standards Group, Division of HCFA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request, National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs, Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of
Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of
Loan Repayment and Scholarship, the
National Institutes of Health (NIH) has
submitted to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) a request to review
and approve the information collection
listed below. This proposed information
collection was previously published in
the **Federal Register** on March 3, 1998,
pages 10404-10405 and allowed 60 days
for public comment. One response to
the notice was received. A revision
reconciled this response. The purpose of
this notice is to allow an additional 30
days for public comment. The National
Institutes of Health may not conduct or
sponsor, and the respondent is not
required to respond to, an information
collection that has been extended,
revised or implemented on or after
October 1, 1995, unless it displays a
currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection

Title: National Institutes of Health
Loan Repayment Programs. *Type of
Information Collection Request:*
Revision of currently approved
collection (OMB No. 0925-0361,
expiration date 9/30/98). *Form
Numbers:* NIH 2674-1, NIH 2874-2, and
NIH 2674-3. *Need and Use of
Information Collection:* NIH makes
available financial assistance, in the
form of educational loan repayment to
M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., and D.V.M.
degree holders, or the equivalent, who
perform biomedical or biobehavioral
research in NIH intramural laboratories
for a minimum of 2 years in research
areas supporting the mission and
priorities of the NIH. The AIDS
Research Loan Program (AIDS-LRP) is
authorized by Section 478A of the
Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
288-1); the General Research Loan
Repayment Program (General-LRP) is
authorized by Section 487C of the
Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
288-3); and the Clinical Research Loan
Repayment Program (CR-LRP) is
authorized by Section 487E (42 U.S.C.
288-5). The loan repayment programs
can repay a maximum of \$20,000 per
year toward a participant's extant
eligible educational loans, directly to
lenders, in addition to NIH salary and
benefits. Participants must have
qualifying educational debt in excess of
20 percent of their annual NIH base
salaries on the expected date of program
eligibility. The information proposed for
collection will be used by the Office of
Loan Repayment and Scholarship to
determine an applicant's eligibility for
participation in the program. *Frequency
of Response:* Initial application and
annual renewal application. *Affected
Public:* Applicants, financial
institutions, recommenders. *Type of
Respondents:* Physicians and other
scientific or medical personnel. The
annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Applicant	110	1.0	9.80	1,078
Recommenders	330	1.0	0.50	165
Financial Institutions	550	1.0	0.33	181
Totals	990	1,424

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$33,575.46. There are no capital costs, operating costs, or maintenance costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms on information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Dr. Marc Horowitz, J.D., Director, Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 604, Bethesda, MD 20892-9121, or call non-toll free (301) 402-5666, or E-mail your request, including your address, to <Mhorowitz@nih.gov>.

Dated: October 20, 1998.

Ruth L. Kirschstein,

Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NHLBI.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural program and projects conducted by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, NHLBI.

Date: December 10-11, 1998.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 10, Room 7S235, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Edward D. Korn, PHD, Director, Intramural Research, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Building 10, Room 7N214, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/496-2116. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 22, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets of commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: October 30, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Hyatt Regency Hotel, 100 Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Elise D. Taylor, Scientific Review Administrator, Extramural Project Review Branch, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute of Health, Suite 409, 600 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003, 301-443-9787.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: November 6, 1998.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 6000 Executive Blvd., Suite 409, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Elise D. Taylor, Scientific Review Administrator, Extramural Project Review Branch, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute of