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Dated: February 22, 1999.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA–R–65]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Information Collection Requirements in Final Peer Review Organization Sanction Regulations 42 CFR 1004.40, 1004.50, 1004.60, and 1004.70;

Form No.: HCFA–R–65 (OMB# 0938–0444);

Use: The Peer Review Improvement Act of 1982 amended Title XI of the Social Security Act to create the Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization (PRO) program.

The PRO program replaced the existing Professional Standards Review Organization (PSRO) program and streamlined peer review activities. PROs will ensure that care provided to Medicare patients is reasonable, medically necessary, appropriate, of a quality that meets professionally recognized standards of care, and that inpatient services could not be more appropriately provided on an outpatient basis or in a different type facility;

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, and Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 53;

Total Annual Responses: 1,060;

Total Annual Hours: 22,684.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, 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 Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

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

[Document Identifier: HCFA–R–131]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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 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.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR, Section 411.408;

Form No.: HCFA–R–131 (OMB# 0938–0566);

Use: Section 9332 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, requires physicians "who do not accept payment on an assignment-related basis" to refund to patients any amounts they collect for services denied under section 1862(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, as "not reasonable and necessary for the treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member." Refunds are not required in either of two circumstances. First, a refund is not required if the physician informs the

beneficiary, prior to furnishing the service, that Medicare is unlikely to pay for the service and the beneficiary, after being so informed, agrees to pay out of his or her pocket. Second, a refund is not required if the physician did not know, and could not reasonably have been expected to know, that Medicare would not pay for the service. In those cases, the beneficiary is liable for the service.;

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 237,322;

Total Annual Responses: 925,904;

Total Annual Hours: 115,738.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, 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 Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: February 24, 1999.

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

[Document Identifier: HCFA-R-43]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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 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.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Conditions of Participation for Portable X-ray suppliers and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Sections 486.104, 486.106, and 486.110;

Form No.: HCFA-R-43 (OMB# 0938-0338);

Use: This information is needed to determine if portable X-ray suppliers are in compliance with published health and safety requirements. These requirements are among other requirements classified as conditions of participation or conditions for coverage. These conditions are based on a provision specified in law relating to diagnostic X-ray tests "furnished in a place of residence used as the patient's home," and are designed to ensure that each supplier has a properly trained staff to provide the appropriate type and level of care, as well as, a safe physical environment for patients. HCFA uses these conditions to certify suppliers of portable X-ray services wishing to participate in the Medicare program;

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 670;

Total Annual Responses: 670;

Total Annual Hours: 1,675.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, 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 Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

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

[HCFA-2041-N]

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Medicaid Program; Decision on Funding for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation START Program

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the award of a grant in the sum of \$2 million to the AIDS Healthcare Foundation of Los Angeles, California, for a demonstration project entitled, "START PROGRAM: Success Through Anti-Retroviral Therapy."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective on February 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Smith, Ph.D., Center for Medicaid and State Operations, (410) 786-6762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the award of a \$2 million grant to the AIDS Healthcare Foundation of Los Angeles, California, for a demonstration project entitled, "START PROGRAM: Success Through Anti-Retroviral Therapy."

The START program is a 4 to 6 week residential program designed to increase the "adherence" to HIV and AIDS medication regimens of individuals at high risk for non-adherence, or a history of non-adherence. The objectives of the START program are as follows:

- Provide a supervised residential environment for initiation or continuation of the latest HIV medication therapies.
- Implement a structured educational program to meet the needs of the patient receiving complicated HIV treatment regimens.
- Provide psychosocial support to the patient and her or his family.