

permitting, the Chairs of the MCSWG will attempt to accommodate all such requests by reserving time for presentations. The order of persons making such presentations will be assigned in the order in which the requests are received. Members of the public are encouraged to limit oral statements to five minutes, but extended written statements may be submitted for the record. Members of the public also may submit written statements for distribution to the MCSWG membership and inclusion in the public record without presenting oral statements. Such written statements should be sent to the MCSWG Executive Director, as shown above, by mail or fax at least five business days before the meetings.

Minutes of all public meetings and other documents made available to the MCSWG will be available for public inspection and copying at both the DOL and DHHS. At DHHS, these documents will be available at the MCSWG Executive Director's Office, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Aerospace Building, Fourth Floor—East, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Questions regarding the availability of documents from DHHS should be directed to Andrew J. Hagan, OCSE (telephone (202) 401-5375). This is not a toll-free number. Any written comments on the minutes should be directed to Ms. Samara Weinstein, Executive Director of the Working Group, as shown above.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

David Gray Ross,

Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement.

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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 Collection

Request: New Collection;

Title of Information Collection: Multi-State Evaluation of Dual Eligibles Demonstrations; Wisconsin Partnership Program;

Form No.: HCFA-R-291 (OMB# 0938-NEW);

Use: This survey provides information needed to evaluate dual eligible demonstrations on issues of satisfaction and gathers health and functional status to be used in other analyses. Dual eligible demonstrations are designed to create alternative delivery services for acute and long-term care services to elderly and disabled persons which provide increased coordination, improve access to quality services and control or more appropriately allocate future costs. Respondents to the survey include demonstration enrollees both living in the community and in institutions, their families, disenrollees and corresponding comparison groups. Information collected will pertain to description of the person, information regarding enrollment/disenrollment, quality of life, satisfaction, general health, functional status, access to services, and informal care giving. This data will be combined with secondary data on utilization of services to analyze the coordination of care, utilization, outcomes, and cost of providing services;

Frequency: Other: One-time;

Affected Public: Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 5,945;

Total Annual Responses: 5,945;

Total Annual Hours: 3,830.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 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 5, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, 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.

(1) Type of Information Collection

Request: Revision of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Information Collection Requirements Referenced in HIPAA for the Individual Market and Supporting Regulations in 45 CFR Section 148;

Form No.: HCFA-R-205 (OMB# 0938-0703);

Use: These information collection requirements help ensure access to the individual insurance market for certain individuals and allows the States to implement their own program to meet the HIPAA requirements for access to the individual market. The information collection requirements outlined in this document are necessary for issuers and

States to ensure individuals receive protection under section 111 of HIPAA.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government;

Number of Respondents: 1,040;

Total Annual Responses: 3,230,000;

Total Annual Hours: 921,000.

(2) *Type of Information Collection*

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection:

Information Collection Requirements Referenced in HIPAA for the Group Market and Supporting Regulations in 45 CFR Section 146;

Form No.: HCFA-R-206 (OMB# 0938-0702);

Use: This regulation and related information collection requirements will ensure that group health plans provide individuals with documentation necessary to demonstrate prior creditable coverage, and the group health plans notify individuals of their special enrollment rights in the group health insurance market.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government;

Number of Respondents: 2,030;

Total Annual Responses: 43,000,000;

Total Annual Hours: 2,700,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 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 6, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, 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-9003-N]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Quarterly Listing of Program Issuances—Fourth Quarter, 1998

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists HCFA manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other **Federal Register** notices that were published during October, November, and December of 1998, relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This notice also identifies certain devices with investigational device exemption numbers approved by the Food and Drug Administration that potentially may be covered under Medicare.

Section 1871(c) of the Social Security Act requires that we publish a list of Medicare issuances in the **Federal Register** at least every 3 months.

Although we are not mandated to do so by statute, for the sake of completeness of the listing, we are also including all Medicaid issuances and Medicare and Medicaid substantive and interpretive regulations (proposed and final) published during this timeframe.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you need specific information, please contact the following staff. Copies are not available through the staff. Questions concerning Medicare items in Addendum III may be addressed to Bridget Wilhite, Office of Communications and Operations Support, Division of Regulations and Issuances, Health Care Financing Administration, (410) 786-5248.

Questions concerning Medicaid items in Addendum III may be addressed to Betty Stanton, Center for Medicaid State Operations, Policy Coordination and Planning Group, Health Care Financing Administration, S2-25-13, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-3247.

Questions concerning Food and Drug Administration-approved investigational device exemptions may be addressed to Sharon Hippler, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Coverage and Analysis Group, Health Care Financing Administration, S3-02-01, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-4633.

Questions concerning all other information may be addressed to Trenesha Fultz, Office of Communications and Operations

Support, Division of Regulations and Issuances, Health Care Financing Administration, C5-16-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-3822.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Program Issuances

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) is responsible for administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These programs pay for health care and related services for 39 million Medicare beneficiaries and 35 million Medicaid recipients. Administration of these programs involves (1) furnishing information to Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients, health care providers, and the public and (2) effective communications with regional offices, State governments, State Medicaid Agencies, State Survey Agencies, various providers of health care, fiscal intermediaries and carriers that process claims and pay bills, and others. To implement the various statutes on which the programs are based, we issue regulations under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under sections 1102, 1871, 1902, and related provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act). We also issue various manuals, memoranda, and statements necessary to administer the programs efficiently.

Section 1871(c)(1) of the Act requires that we publish a list of all Medicare manual instructions, interpretive rules, and guidelines of general applicability not issued as regulations at least every 3 months in the **Federal Register**. We published our first notice June 9, 1988 (53 FR 21730). Although we are not mandated to do so by statute, for the sake of completeness of the listing of operational and policy statements, we are continuing our practice of including Medicare substantive and interpretive regulations (proposed and final) published during the 3-month time frame.

II. How To Use the Addenda

This notice is organized so that you may review the subjects of all manual issuances, memoranda, substantive and interpretive regulations, or Food and Drug Administration-approved investigational device exemptions published during the timeframe to determine whether any are of particular interest. We expect it to be used in concert with previously published notices. Those unfamiliar with a description of our Medicare manuals may wish to review Table I of our first three notices (53 FR 21730, 53 FR