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| Internal Medicine (Sub-account). | BAA |

⁵ Hyperbaric service charges shall be based on hours of service in 15-minute increments. The rates listed in section III.B. are for 60 minutes or 1 hour of service. Providers shall calculate the charges based on the number of hours (and/or fractions of an hour) of service. Fractions of an hour shall be rounded to the next 15-minute increment (e.g., 31 minutes shall be charged as 45 minutes).

⁶ Ambulatory procedure visit is defined in DOD Instruction 6025.8, "Ambulatory Procedure Visit (APV)," dated September 23, 1996, as immediate (day of procedure) pre-procedure and immediate post-procedure care requiring an unusual degree of intensity and provided in an ambulatory procedure unit (APU). An APU is a location or organization within an MTF (or freestanding outpatient clinic) that is specially equipped, staffed and designated for the purpose of providing the intensive level of care associated with APVs. Care is required in the facility for less than 24 hours. All expenses and workload are assigned to the MTF-established APU associated with the referring clinic. The BB, BD and BE APV rates are to be used only by clinics that are subaccounts under these summary accounts (see ⁴ for an explanation of MEPRS hierarchical arrangement). The All Other APV rate is to be used *only* by those clinics that are *not* a subaccount under BB, BD or BE.

⁷ Prescription services requested by outside providers (e.g., physicians and dentists) that are relevant to the Third Party Collection Program. Third party payers (such as insurance companies) shall be billed for prescription services when beneficiaries who have medical insurance obtain medications from a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) that are prescribed by providers external to the MTF. Eligible beneficiaries (family members or retirees with medical insurance) are not liable personally for this cost and shall not be billed by the MTF. Medical Services Account (MSA) patients, who are not beneficiaries as defined in 10 U.S.C. 1074 and 1076, are charged at the "Other" rate if they are seen by an outside provider and only come to the MTF for prescription services. The standard cost of medications ordered by an outside provider that includes the cost of the drugs plus a dispensing fee per prescription. The prescription cost is calculated by multiplying the number of units (e.g., tablets or capsules) by the unit cost and adding a \$6.00 dispensing fee per prescription. Final rule 32 CFR Part 220, which was not published at the time that this package was prepared, eliminates the dollar threshold for high cost ancillary services and the associated term "high cost ancillary service." The phrase "high cost ancillary service" will be replaced with the phrase "ancillary services requested by an outside provider" on publication of final rule 32 CFR Part 220. The elimination of the threshold also eliminates the need to bundle costs

whereby a patient is billed if the total cost of ancillary services in a day (defined as 0001 hours to 2400 hours) exceeds \$25.00. The elimination of the threshold is effective as per date stated in final rule 32 CFR Part 220.

⁸ Charges for ancillary services requested by an outside provider (e.g., physicians and dentists) are relevant to the Third Party Collection Program. Third party payers (such as insurance companies) shall be billed for ancillary services when beneficiaries who have medical insurance obtain services from the MTF which are prescribed by providers external to the MTF. Laboratory and Radiology procedure costs are calculated by multiplying the DoD established weight for the Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT 99) code by either the laboratory or radiology multiplier (section III.J). Eligible beneficiaries (family members or retirees with medical insurance) are not personally liable for this cost and shall not be billed by the MTF. MSA patients, who are not beneficiaries as defined by 10 U.S.C. 1074 and 1076, are charged at the "Other" rate if they are seen by an outside provider and only come to the MTF for ancillary services. Final rule 32 CFR Part 220, which was not published at the time that this package was prepared, eliminates the dollar threshold for high cost ancillary services and the associated term "high cost ancillary service." The phrase "high cost ancillary service" will be replaced with the phrase "ancillary services requested by an outside provider" on publication of final rule 32 CFR Part 220. The elimination of the threshold also eliminates the need to bundle costs whereby a patient is billed if the total cost of ancillary services in a day (defined as 0001 hours to 2400 hours) exceeds \$25.00. The elimination of the threshold is effective as per date stated in final rule 32 CFR Part 220.

⁹ The attending physician is to complete the CPT 99 code to indicate the appropriate procedure followed during cosmetic surgery. The appropriate rate will be applied depending on the treatment modality of the patient: ambulatory procedure visit, outpatient clinic visit or inpatient surgical care services.

¹⁰ Family members of active duty personnel, retirees and their family members, and survivors shall be charged elective cosmetic surgery rates. Elective cosmetic surgery procedure information is contained in section III.G. The patient shall be charged the rate as specified in the FY 2000 reimbursable rates for an episode of care. The charges for elective cosmetic surgery are at the full reimbursement rate (designated as the "Other" rate) for inpatient per diem surgical care services in section I.B., ambulatory procedure visits as contained in section III.C, or the appropriate outpatient clinic rate in sections II.A-K. The patient is responsible for the cost of the implant(s) and the prescribed cosmetic surgery rate. (Note: The implants and procedures used for the augmentation mammoplasty are in compliance with Federal Drug Administration guidelines.)

¹¹ Each regional lipectomy shall carry a separate charge. Regions include head and neck, abdomen, flanks, and hips.

¹² Dental service rates are based on a dental rate multiplier times the American Dental

Association (ADA) code and the DoD established weight for that code.

¹³ Ambulance charges shall be based on hours of service in 15-minute increments. The rates listed in section III.I are for 60 minutes or 1 hour of service. Providers shall calculate the charges based on the number of hours (and/or fractions of an hour) that the ambulance is logged out on a patient run. Fractions of an hour shall be rounded to the next 15-minute increment (e.g., 31 minutes shall be charged as 45 minutes).

¹⁴ Air in-flight medical care reimbursement charges are determined by the status of the patient (ambulatory or litter) and are per patient. The appropriate charges are billed only by the Air Force Global Patient Movement Requirement Center (GPMRC). These charges are only for the cost of providing medical care. Flight charges are billed by GPMRC separately using the commercial rate effective the date of travel plus \$1.00.

¹⁵ Observation Services are billed at the hourly charge. Begin counting when the patient is placed in the observation bed and round up to the nearest hour. If the status of a patient changes to inpatient, the charges for observation services are added to the DRG assigned to the case and not separately billed. If a patient is released from observation status and is sent to an APV, the charges for observation services are not billed separately but are added to the APV rate to recover all expenses.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Change in Location of the Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice was published October 22, 1999, at 64 FR 57081 that the Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Commercial Science and Technology will meet at the Jorge Scientific Corporation, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Crystal Gateway Two, Arlington, Virginia on November 15 and 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location has been changed to the Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Room 907, Arlington, Virginia. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public. All other information in the previous notice remains effective.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director,

Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-6769.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 10, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the

Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

William Burrow,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and Federal Work-Study Programs.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEA or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 4,200; Burden Hours: 25,748.

Abstract: This application data will be used to compute the amount of funds needed by each institution during the 2001-2002 Award Year. The Fiscal Operations Report data will be used to assess program effectiveness, account for funds expended during the 1999-2000 academic year.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Written comments or questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at 202-708-9266 or by e-mail to joe_schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief

Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: Telecommunications Demonstration Project for Mathematics.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 10.

Burden Hours: 400.