

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: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Part B Advance Beneficiary Notice and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 411.404 and 411.408; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-131 (OMB#0938-0566); *Use:* Part B suppliers, physicians, and practitioners who accept assignment and Part A providers furnishing Part B services—these entities may bill a patient for services denied by Medicare as not reasonable and necessary under Medicare program standards if they have informed the patient, before furnishing the services, that Medicare was likely to deny Part B payment for the services; nonparticipating physicians when they do not accept assignment—these physicians may bill a patient for physician services denied by Medicare as not reasonable and necessary under Medicare program standards if they have informed the patient, before furnishing the services, that Medicare was likely to deny Part B payment for the services and the patient, after being so informed, agreed to pay for the services; suppliers furnishing Part B durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS), whether or not they accept assignment—these suppliers may bill a patient for DMEPOS items and services denied by Medicare: (1) As not reasonable and necessary under Medicare program standards, (2) because the supplier made an unsolicited telephone contact, (3) because the supplier failed to obtain a supplier number, or (4) because the supplier failed to obtain an advance determination of coverage, if they have informed the patient, before furnishing the items and/or services, that Medicare was likely to deny Part B payment for the items and/or services and the patient, after being so informed, agreed to pay for the services; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 980,742; *Total Annual Responses:* 18,823,150; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,352,894.

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, telephone 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: Julie Brown, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

In addition, HCFA will hold a public meeting to permit interested parties an opportunity to give their views on the content and distribution of the Part B Advance Beneficiary Notices. Representatives of providers and suppliers furnishing Part B services, health care consumer advocacy groups, and other members of the public who wish to participate in the public meeting are asked to notify HCFA, in advance, of their interest in attending. At this meeting, HCFA will solicit comments on the issues listed in the first paragraph of this notice.

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2000, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., EST in the Multipurpose Room (capacity: 100 persons) of the Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore MD 21244. Interested parties should provide notification of their planned attendance to Raymond Boyd either by telephone (410-786-4544), fax (410-786-4047), or e-mail (rboyd@HCFA.gov), no later than 3 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2000.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

John P. Burke, III,

Reports Clearance Officer, 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: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, DHHS.

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:* Collection of Data on Physician Encounters from Medicare + Choice Organizations; *HCFA Form Number:* HCFA-R-0315 (OMB# 0938-0805); *Use:* HCFA requires physician encounter data from Medicare + Choice organizations to develop and implement a risk adjustment payment methodology as required by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; *Frequency:* Monthly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 300; *Total Annual Responses:* 75.6 million; *Total Annual Hours:* 938,700.

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, 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: Julie Brown, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: October 17, 2000.

John P. Burke III,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA-10019]

Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. This is necessary to ensure compliance with section 1847 of the Social Security Act. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because public harm would result. In order to determine the best way to let competitive bids to the most efficient/effective bidder and as soon as possible, we must

conduct the demonstration on as recent data as possible; we also need the data as soon as possible in order to include our findings in a report to Congress in January 2002.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by November 21, 2000 with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by November 21, 2000. During this 180-day period, we will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval. *Type of Information Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Supplier Survey; *HCFA Form Number:* HCFA-10019 (OMB approval #: 0938-NEW); *Use:* This survey is necessary to collect access, quality, and financial performance information from suppliers of durable medical equipment (hospital beds, oxygen, urologic supplies, enteral nutrition, or wound care). The information will be presented to HCFA and to Congress, who will use the results to determine whether the demonstration should be extended to other sites; *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 340; *Total Annual Responses:* 340; *Total Annual Burden Hours:* 620.

We have submitted a copy of this notice to OMB for its review of these information collections. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** when approval is obtained.

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.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by November 20, 2000.

Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850. Fax Number: (410) 786-0262. Attn: Julie Brown, HCFA 10019

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: Wendy Taylor, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: October 21, 2000.

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

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Public Health Service; Notice of Listing of Members of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board (PRB)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announces the persons who will serve on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Performance Review Board. This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., section 4314(c)(4), which requires that members of performance review boards be appointed in a manner to ensure consistency, stability, and objectivity in performance appraisals, and requires that notice of the appointment of an individual to serve as a member be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following persons will serve on the SAMHSA Performance Review Board, which oversees the evaluation of performance appraisals of SAMHSA's Senior Executive Service (SES) members: Joseph Autry, M.D., Chairperson; H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H.; Ruth Sanchez-Way, Ph.D.; Randolph Wykoff, M.D., M.P.H., T.M.

For further information about the SAMHSA Performance Review Board, contact the Division of Human Resources Management, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Land, Room 14 C-24, Rockville, Maryland