

labels or labeling of dietary supplements. The agency is requesting only information that is immediately available to the manufacturer, packer, or distributor of the dietary supplement that bears such a statement on its label or in its labeling. This estimate is based on the average number of notification submissions received by the agency in the last 3 years.

Dated: January 29, 1999.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N-0022]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval; Hearing Aid Devices: Professional and Patient Package Labeling and Conditions for Sale

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled "Hearing Aid Devices: Professional and Patient Package Labeling and Conditions for Sale" has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of October 26, 1998 (63 FR 57127), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0171. The approval expires on December 31, 1999. Copies of this document are available on the Internet at "http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets".

Dated: January 27, 1999.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA-R-0266]

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:** Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments—Institutions for Mental Disease; **Form No.:** HCFA-R-0266 (OMB# 0938-0746); **Use:** This PRA package announces the Federal share of disproportionate share hospital (DSH) allotments for Federal fiscal years (FFYs) 1998 through 2002. It also describes the methodology for calculating the Federal share DSH allotments for FFY 2003 and thereafter, and announces the FFY 1998 and FFY 1999 limitations on aggregate DSH payments States may make to institutions for mental disease (IMD) and other mental health facilities.; **Frequency:** Annually; **Affected Public:** State, Local, or Tribal Government; **Number of Respondents:** 54; **Total Annual Responses:** 54; **Total Annual Hours:** 2,160.

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: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: January 22, 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-257 & HCFA-R-71]

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, 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:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Medicare+Choice Disenrollment Form to original Medicare;

Form Nos.: HCFA-R-257 (OMB# 0938-0741);

Use: The primary purpose of the form is to receive and process the beneficiary's request for disenrollment from a Medicare+Choice plan and to return to original (fee-for-service) Medicare. The secondary purpose of the new form is to obtain the reason for the disenrollment, for analysis and reporting;

Frequency: On occasion;

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

Number of Respondents: 60,000;

Total Annual Responses: 60,000;

Total Annual Hours: 3,960.

(2) *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Information Collection Requirements in HSQ-108F Assumption of Responsibilities and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 412.44, 412.46, 431.630, 466.71, 466.73, 466.74, and 466.78;

Form Nos.: HCFA-R-71 (OMB# 0938-0445);

Use: The purpose of this collection is to create the Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization (PRO) program which replaces the Professional Standards Review Organization (PSRO) program and streamlines peer review activities. This rule outlines the review functions to be performed by the PRO and outlines the relationships among PROs, providers, practitioners, beneficiaries, fiscal intermediaries, and carriers;

Frequency: Other, as needed;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 6,471;

Total Annual Responses: 6,418;

Total Annual Hours: 46,834.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent 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, D.C. 20503.

Dated: January 13, 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-1500]

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 prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 C.F.R., Part 1320. The HCFA-1500 is used to determine proper payment for certain Medicare services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries. Without this information, HCFA would not be able to obtain the

information necessary to reimburse providers. The Agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because public harm is likely to result due to the possibility of providers not rendering services to Medicare beneficiaries due to the possibility of non-payment.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection within eleven working days, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below within ten working days. 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 Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection:

Medicare/Medicaid Health Insurance Common Claim Form and Instructions, and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 414.40, 424.32 and 424.44;

Form No.: HCFA-1500 (OMB# 0938-0008);

Use: This form and instructions are standardized for use in the Medicare/Medicaid programs to apply for reimbursement for covered services. HCFA does not require exclusive use of this form for Medicaid. 42 CFR 414.40, 424.32 and 424.44 are regulations underlying the use of the form HCFA-1500 and the information captured on the form HCFA-1500, including the use of diagnostic and procedural coding systems. HCFA solicits comments on any and all aspects of the HCFA-1500, and the use of diagnostic and procedural coding systems: HCFA currently uses the most current version of the International Code of Diagnosis-Volume 9 and Common Procedural Terminology/HCFA Common Procedure Coding System;

Frequency: On occasion;

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

Number of Respondents: 695,168,330;

Total Annual Responses: 695,168,330;

Total Annual Hours: 44,100,662.

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/reg/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call