

appear to restrict the scope of the petition and that it was (and is) the petitioner's intent that multi-ingredient meat products (whether containing cooked or uncooked meat or poultry) be included in the scope of the pending petition.

Therefore, FDA is amending the filing notice of January 5, 2000, to indicate that the petitioner has requested that the food additive regulations be amended to permit the irradiation of multi-ingredient foods containing uncooked meat or poultry.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of a type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: April 20, 2001.

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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, 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: The Financial Statement of Debtor and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 405.376;

Form No.: HCFA-379 (OMB# 0938-0270);

Use: This form is used to collect financial information which is needed to evaluate requests from physicians/suppliers to pay indebtedness under an extended repayment schedule, or to compromise a debt less than the full amount;

Frequency: Other: As needed;
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 500;

Total Annual Responses: 500;

Total Annual Hours: 1,000.

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, HCFA-379, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: May 2, 2001.

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

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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 Contained in BPD-393, Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor and HCFA-1005-IFC, PPS for Hospital Outpatient Services and Supporting Regulations Contained in 42 CFR 488.18, 489.20 and 489.24; *Document No.:* HCFA-R-142 (OMB# 0938-0667); *Use:* The Information Collection Requirements contained in BPD-393, Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor and HCFA-1005-IFC, contains requirements for hospitals to prevent them from inappropriately transferring individuals with emergency medical conditions, as mandated by Congress. HCFA will use this information to help assure compliance with this mandate and protect the public. This information is not contained elsewhere in regulations. *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 5,600; *Total Annual Responses:* 5,600; *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 1.

It should be noted, that based on industry input and HCFA analysis, the applicability and burden associated with the information collection requirements (ICR) captured in this submission have been adjusted to properly reflect the degree of burden associated with this collection. In particular, the ICRs captured in this submission have been determined to be either exempt or the burden has been deemed usual and customary in accordance with the 1995 PRA. In order to comply and properly reflect the Act, HCFA assigned a token one-hour of burden for this submission.

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, HCFA-R-142, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

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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

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: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* A Project to Develop an Outcome-Based Continuous Quality Improvement System for PACE; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0299 (OMB# 0938-0791); *Use:* The purpose of this project is to develop an outcome-based continuous quality improvement (OBCQI) system and core comprehensive assessment data set for the PACE program by (a) developing and testing a set of data items for core outcome and comprehensive assessment (COCOA), (b) testing risk adjustment methods so each site's outcomes can be appropriately evaluated, (c) designing an OBCQI approach to improve quality in a systematic, evolutionary manner, and (d) testing the usefulness of the data items for assessment and care planning. A three-phase, 20-month field test will result in the refinement of the draft COCOA data items and protocols as needed. Findings from the project are intended to guide the possible implementation of a national approach for OBCQI and core comprehensive assessment for PACE; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 8,298; *Total Annual Responses:* 93,970; *Total Annual Hours:* 21,692.04.

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 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Date: April 23, 2001.

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

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; 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: New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Program Integrity Customer Service Project; *Form No.:* HCFA-10029 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* Medicare's Integrity Program seeks to improve customer service provided to beneficiaries and providers. The study's purpose is to identify baseline satisfaction with Program Integrity efforts, to prioritize improvement areas, and to identify potential service delivery changes that can be implemented by HCFA or its contractors. Respondents include beneficiaries whose billing questions were transferred to Fraud, and providers who have been through enrollment, medical review, or cost report audit; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 5,250; *Total Annual Responses:* 5,250; *Total Annual Hours:* 782. 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