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Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 56;

Total Annual Responses: 56.

Total Annual Hours: 1,568.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS'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 CMS 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 CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address:

CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, CMS-416, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: March 12, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-1880/1882]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as 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:

Request for Certification as Supplier of Portable X-ray Services under the Medicare/Medicaid Program for Portable X-ray Survey Report and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 486.100-486.110.

Form No.: CMS-1880/1882 (OMB# 0938-0027).

Use: The Medicare program requires portable X-ray suppliers to be surveyed for health and safety standards. The CMS-1880 is used by the surveyor to determine if a portable X-ray applicant meets the eligibility requirements. It also promotes data reduction or introduction, and retrieval from the Online Survey Certification and Reporting (OSCAR) System by the CMS Regional Offices. The CMS-1882 is the survey form that records survey results. The form is primarily a coding work sheet designed to facilitate data reduction and retrieval into the OSCAR system at the CMS Regional Offices.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 655.

Total Annual Responses: 98.

Total Annual Hours: 172.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS'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 CMS 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 CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as 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 and Core Outcome and Comprehensive Assessment Data Set for PACE.

Form No.: CMS-R-299CMS-(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 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 and individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 8,298.

Total Annual Responses: 90,070.

Total Annual Hours: 22,503.77.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS'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 CMS 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 CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00D-1542]

Draft Guidance for Industry on Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures, Time Stamps; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Guidance for

Industry, 21 CFR Part 11; Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures, Time Stamps." The draft guidance describes the agency's current thinking on issues pertaining to the use of computer generated time stamps in computer systems subject to part 11 (21 CFR part 11) requirements, to ensure that electronic records and electronic signatures are trustworthy, reliable, and compatible with FDA's public health responsibilities. The use of the computer generated time stamps is a requirement of part 11 of title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the draft guidance by June 18, 2002. General comments on agency guidance documents are welcome at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Compliance Information and Quality Assurance (HFC-240), Office of Enforcement, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. Submit written comments on the draft guidance document to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1060, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Motise, Office of Enforcement (HFC-240), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-0383, e-mail: pmotise@ora.fda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance entitled "Guidance for Industry, 21 CFR Part 11; Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures, Time Stamps." In the **Federal Register** of March 20, 1997 (62 FR 13430), FDA published a regulation providing criteria under which the agency considers electronic records and electronic signatures to be trustworthy, reliable, and generally equivalent to paper records and handwritten signatures executed on paper (part 11). The preamble to part 11 stated that the agency anticipated issuing supplemental guidance documents and would afford all interested parties the opportunity to comment on draft guidance documents.

The draft guidance addresses issues pertaining to computer generated time

stamps in computer systems used to create, modify, maintain, archive, retrieve, or transmit electronic records and electronic signatures subject to part 11. Part 11 requires persons subject to the regulation to implement time stamps in audit trails and signature manifestations, and the draft guidance is intended to assist people who must meet this requirement; it may also assist FDA staff who apply part 11 to persons subject to the regulation.

The draft guidance provides specific information on key principles and practices, and it addresses some frequently asked questions. However, it is not intended to cover every aspect of time stamps.

This level 1 draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). This draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the agency's current thinking on computer generated time stamps used in computer systems subject to part 11. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Comments

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written or electronic comments on the draft guidance. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the draft guidance and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the document at http://www.fda.gov/ora/compliance_ref/Part11/default.htm.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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