

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, U.S.C. as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of

the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project: Progress Reports for Continuation Training Grants (OMB No. 0915-0061)—Extension**

The HRSA Progress Reports for Continuation Training Grants are used for the preparation and submission of continuation applications for titles VII and VIII health professions and nursing education and training programs. The Uniform Progress Report measures grantee success in meeting (1) the objectives of the grant project and (2) the cross-cutting outcomes developed for the Bureau's education and training programs. Part I of the progress report is designed to collect information to determine whether sufficient progress has been made on the approved project objectives, as grantees must demonstrate satisfactory progress to warrant continuation of funding. Part II collects information on activities specific to a given program and Part III, Comprehensive Performance

Management System, collects data on overall project performance related to the Bureau of Health Profession's strategic goals, objectives, outcomes and indicators. Progress will be measured based on the objectives of the grant project and outcome measures and indicators developed by the Bureau to meet requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

To respond to the requirements of GPRA, the Bureau developed goals, outcomes and indicators that provide a framework for collection of outcome data for its Title VII and VIII programs. An outcome based performance system is critical for measuring whether program support is meeting national health workforce objectives. At the core of the performance measurement system are found cross-cutting goals with respect to workforce quality, supply, diversity and distribution of the health professions workforce. A demonstration project to assess availability of the data needed to support the indicators was conducted, and data from this project are currently being analyzed.

The grantees were able to obtain, and submit progress reports electronically for fiscal year 2001.

*Estimates of annualized reporting burden are as follows:*

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per responses	Total burden hours
Health Care Professionals .....	1,550	1	1,550	20	31,000

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 11A-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration****Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee

meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

*Name:* Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (ACIM).

*Date and Time:* November 20, 2002; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., November 21, 2002; 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

*Place:* The Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, (703) 418-1234.

*Purpose:* The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on the following: Department programs which are directed at reducing infant mortality and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants; factors affecting the continuum of care with respect to maternal and child health care, including outcomes following childbirth; factors determining the length of hospital stay following childbirth; strategies to coordinate the variety of Federal, State, and local and private programs and efforts that are designed to deal with the health and social problems impacting on infant mortality; and the implementation of the Healthy Start initiative and infant mortality objectives from *Healthy People 2010*.

*Agenda:* Topics that will be discussed include the following: Early Postpartum

Discharge; Low-Birth Weight; Disparities in Infant Mortality; and the Healthy Start Program. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities are further determined.

*For Further Information Contact:* Anyone requiring information regarding the Committee should contact Peter C. van Dyck, M.D., M.P.H., Executive Secretary, ACIM, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Parklawn Building, Room 18-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443-2170.

Individuals who are interested in attending any portion of the meeting or who have questions regarding the meeting should contact Ann M. Koontz, C.N.M., Dr. P.H., HRSA, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Telephone (301) 443-6327.

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