

## 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:* Internal Revenue Service/Social Security Administration/Health Care Financing Administration Data Match and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Section 411.20-411.206.

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-137 (OMB# 0938-0565).

*Use:* The purpose of this collection is to save the Medicare program, money. MSP is essentially the same concept known in the private insurance industry as coordination of benefits, and refers to those situations where Medicare assumes a secondary payer role (private insurance being the primary payer) for covered services provided to a Medicare beneficiary. It is HCFA's responsibility to implement the various Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) provisions.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Federal Government, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, State, and Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 276,251.

*Total Annual Responses:* 276,251.

*Total Annual Hours:* 1,051,722.

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](mailto: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, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

**John Parmigiani,**

*Manager, 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 [HCFA-1075-N]

#### Medicare Program; June 25, 1999 Public Meeting To Discuss the Payment Classification for Respiratory Assist Devices

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting regarding the appropriate durable medical equipment (DME) fee schedule payment category for respiratory assist devices (RADs) with bi-level pressure capability and with a backup rate feature. The meeting will provide an opportunity for physicians, suppliers, beneficiary advocates, and other interested parties to furnish information and raise issues about the payment classification for RADs. The meeting will address the following topics:

- Characteristics of the equipment.
- Whether the equipment needs frequent and substantial servicing in order to avoid risk to the patient's health.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for June 25, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., eastern daylight time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Health Care Financing

Administration headquarters, in the auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joel Kaiser, (410) 786-4499, or Gloria Knight, (410) 786-4598.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

We are announcing a public meeting to provide an opportunity for physicians, suppliers, beneficiary advocates and other interested parties to furnish information and raise issues regarding the appropriate DME payment category for RADs with bi-level pressure capability and with a backup rate feature. The public meeting provides an open forum for addressing these issues. We anticipate participation by physicians, manufacturers, suppliers, national associations representing manufacturers and suppliers, the press, and other members of the public with an interest in issues relating to Medicare payment for RADs. We intend to discuss the information we have gathered and the general direction that we are moving concerning these topics. The format of the meeting will include an overview on RAD payment and coding topics.

For more detailed information regarding the pending HCFA coding decision on RADs, you may access one of the following Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier websites for the June bulletin:

REGION A: [www.medicare-link.com](http://www.medicare-link.com)

REGION B: [www.astar-federal.com](http://www.astar-federal.com)

REGION C: [www.pgba.com](http://www.pgba.com)

REGION D: [www.cignamedicare.com](http://www.cignamedicare.com)

We will allow short (10-20 minutes) presentations by the public and our staff on these topics. The meeting will conclude with an open dialog during which the public may raise issues related to the topics discussed.

Individuals interested in making a presentation at the meeting must contact Joel Kaiser at (410) 786-4499 or via e-mail at [JKaiser@hcfa.gov](mailto:JKaiser@hcfa.gov) or Gloria Knight at (410) 786-4598 or via e-mail at [GKnight@hcfa.gov](mailto:GKnight@hcfa.gov) no later than June 18, 1999. Individuals must identify which of the two topics they want to discuss during their presentation. Only a limited number of individuals will be able to make presentations because of time constraints. In an effort to assure that all viewpoints are represented, we will notify participants who are selected to make a presentation. We will not assign presentation times until after June 18, 1999.

While the meeting is open to the public, attendance is limited to space available. Individuals must register in advance as described below.

**Registration**

The Office of Professional Relations will handle registration for the meeting. Individuals may register by sending a fax to the attention of Martha Dixon at (202) 401-7438. At the time of registration, please provide your name, address, telephone number, and fax number.

Confirmation of receipt of your fax will constitute confirmation of your registration. Meeting materials will be provided at the time of the meeting.

If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Martha Dixon at (202) 358-1420.

We will accept written comments, questions, or other materials specifically dealing with the issue of the appropriateness of the DME payment category for RADs with bi-level pressure capability and with a backup rate feature that are received no later than 5 p.m. on June 15, 1999. Written submissions must be sent to: Health Care Financing Administration, ATTN: Joel Kaiser, Room C5-06-27, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: May 27, 1999.

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,**  
*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

**Proposed Project: Application for Certification and Recertification as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look Alike, OMB No. 0915-0142—Revision**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) proposed to revise the application guide used by organizations applying for certification, or recertification as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike for purposes of cost-based reimbursement under the Medicaid and Medicare programs. The guide will be revised to reflect legislative, policy, and technical changes since May, 1997, the issuance date of the last guidance. Revisions will include reference to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which amended the statutory language pertaining to FQHC Look-Alikes to include the requirement that "an entity may not be owned, controlled, or operated by another entity", and the interpretation and implementation policy documents issued by the HRSA.

Estimates of Burden are as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per respondent	Total hour burden
Application .....	26	1	100	2,600
Recertification .....	148	1	20	2,960
Total .....	174	.....	.....	5,560

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Wendy A. Taylor, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: May 28, 1999.

**Jane Harrison,**

*Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institutes of Health****National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, PAR 99-019—Non-Mammalian Organisms as Models for Anti-Cancer Drug Discovery.

*Date:* June 22-23, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Wilna A. Woods, PHD, Deputy Chief, Special Review, Referral and Research Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 496-7903.

*Name of Committee:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Non-Mammalian Organisms as Models for Anti-Cancer Drug Discovery.

*Date:* June 23, 1999.

*Time:* 3:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.