

Registry. Each program that is nominated should have been standardized (including curriculum manuals, implementation manuals, videotapes, etc.), well implemented, and findings should derive from well designed research efforts. Program

models nominated will be reviewed and rated by experts annually to be recommended to the field.

CSAP will promote selected models by providing funds to support development of program materials for dissemination, by connecting program developers with organizations able to

help in the dissemination efforts, and by promoting model programs nationally through CSAP's State Incentive Grant recipients and regional Centers for Applied Prevention Technology. Annual burden estimates for the Registry are shown in the table below.

Type of submission	No. of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Hours/ response	Total burden hours
Complete .....	250	1	1.25	313
Abbreviated .....	10	1	.25	2
Total .....	260	.....	.....	315

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

Dated: March 15, 2000.

**Richard Kopanda,**

*Executive Officer, SAMHSA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a list of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301)443-7978.

#### Survey of Vermont Employers to Assess the Effects of the Vermont Parity Act

New—In support of its mission to support activities related to improving mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention through demonstration projects, evaluations and service system assessments, SAMHSA is taking advantage of the implementation of the Vermont Parity Act on January 1, 1998. The Vermont Parity Act provides SAMHSA with an important opportunity to study the health insurance coverage impacts of the nation's most comprehensive parity law and to provide useful data to state and federal policy makers, employers, health care providers, advocates, and consumers.

SAMHSA will conduct a telephone survey of private employers in Vermont to assess their responses to the state law. The employer survey will gather information on the effects of the Vermont parity law on employer-sponsored health insurance coverage. As a study of the most comprehensive state parity law in the nation, this survey will provide SAMHSA its first opportunity to understand: (1) employer knowledge of and satisfaction with parity; (2) estimated effects of parity on employer health care costs; (3) effects of parity on employer health insurance

purchasing decisions, such as decisions to self-insure, drop coverage, change insurance carriers, shift a higher share of costs to employees, or carve-out benefits and/or shift to managed care; (4) other changes brought about by parity, such as establishment of employee assistance plans or wellness programs; and (5) suggestions for improving the parity law in the future.

Data will be collected between June and October 2000, a period when employers typically re-evaluate their health insurance coverage decisions for the upcoming fiscal year. Upon completion of the data collection, descriptive and multivariate analyses of employer responses to and satisfaction with parity will be conducted. Responses will be analyzed by employer characteristics such as firm size, location, and type of industry. SAMHSA will use the survey results and survey data to advise governmental bodies such as the National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC), which was charged by the Senate Appropriations Committee in 1996 to provide periodic reports on parity coverage in mental health services "as more data throughout the country become available." The table below shows the total burden for this one-year study.

Type of interview	Number of respondents	Responses/ respondent	Hours/ response	Total burden hours
Businesses offering insurance(screener & full interview) <sup>1</sup> .....	600	1	.42	252
Uninsured businesses (screener & short interview only) <sup>2</sup> .....	222	1	.25	56
Ineligible/nonresponding businesses (screener only) <sup>3</sup> .....	489	1	.08	39
Total .....	1,311	.....	.....	347

<sup>1</sup> Businesses currently offering insurance to employees or that stopped offering insurance to employees after January 1, 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Businesses that either stopped offering insurance to employees before January 1, 1998 or never offered insurance to employees.

<sup>3</sup> Businesses that are no longer in operation or are owned by the state or federal government and non-responding businesses that effuse to participate.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should

be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management

and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 12, 2000.

**Richard Kopanda,**

*Executive Officer, SAMHSA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FP-4561-N-13]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* April 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2577-0178) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of

Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission, including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9)

whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS).

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0178.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-52650 and HUD-52652.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) promotes development of local strategies that coordinate the use of public housing assistance and assistance under section 8 rental certificate and voucher programs with public-private resources to enable eligible families to eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. Housing agencies enter into a Contract of Participation with each eligible family that opts to participate in the program; consult with local officials to develop an Action Plan; and report annually to HUD on implementation of the FSS program.

*Respondents:* Individual or households, State or Local Government.

*Frequency of Submission:* On Occasion.

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Action plan .....	50		4,550		8.6		39,090

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:*  
39,090.

*Status:* Reinstatement, with change.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

**Wayne Eddins,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Interim Land Acquisition Priority System Criteria

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing the availability of and opportunity to comment on our Interim Land Acquisition Priority System criteria. These interim criteria replace the criteria developed in 1987 and modified in 1992. We will use the interim criteria to set land acquisition priorities for projects funded under the Land and Water Conservation Fund beginning with the FY 2002 budget cycle.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain copies of the Interim Land Acquisition Priority System package or submit comments on the interim criteria by any one of several methods.

You may obtain the document from the Division of Realty's internet site at <http://realty.fws.gov/laps.htm>.

You may mail or hand-deliver requests for copies or comments to Andrew French, LAPS Team Leader, Division of Realty, U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.

You may send requests for copies or comments by electronic mail to Andrew French@fws.gov. Please submit internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: LAPS Comments" and your name and return address in your message.

You may fax requests for copies or comments to (413) 253-8480.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew French, Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, telephone (toll free) (877) 289-8495 (ext. 8590)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We implemented Land Acquisition Priority System Criteria in 1987 and revised the criteria in 1992. In 1993, the National Research Council appointed the Committee on Scientific and Technical Criteria for Federal Acquisition of Lands for Conservation. In their report,