

HHA's furnishing services to Medicare beneficiaries.

When an HHA expects payment for the home health services to be denied by Medicare, a beneficiary must be advised before home health care is initiated or continued that, in the HHA's opinion, payment probably will be required from him or her personally or through other insurance. The HHABNs are designed to ensure that HHAs inform beneficiaries in writing, in a timely fashion, about changes to their home health care, the fact that they may have to pay for care themselves if Medicare does not pay, the process they must follow in order to obtain an initial determination by Medicare and, if payment is denied, to file an appeal, and the fact that they waive those rights if they refuse to allow their health information to be sent to Medicare. The HHABNs are to be issued by the HHA each time, and as soon as, the HHA makes the assessment that it believes Medicare payment will not be made. The HHABNs are to be provided by HHAs in any case where a reduction or termination of services is to occur, or where services are to be denied before being initiated, except in any case in which a physician concurs in the reduction, termination, or denial of services. Failure to do so would be a violation of the HHA Conditions of Participation in the Medicare Program, which are currently approved PRA requirements approved under OMB number 0938-0365, and may result in the HHA being held liable under the Limitation on Liability (LOL) provision.

Home Health Advance Beneficiary Notices (HHABNs)

HHABNs serve as notice to the beneficiary that the HHA believes that home health services are not, or will no longer be, covered in different situations. HHABN-T, Termination, is used when all home health services will be terminated. HHABN-I, Initiation, is used when the HHA expects, even before services have been initiated, that Medicare will not pay. HHABN-R, Reduction, is used when ongoing home health services will be reduced (e.g., reduced in number, frequency, or for a particular subset of services, or otherwise).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 540,000.

Total Annual Responses: 1,080,000.

Total Annual Hours: 180,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 and phone number, 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 designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: April 10, 2000.

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 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4563-N-04]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program; Notice of Funding Availability

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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:* June 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4238, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-3642, extension 4128, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program Notice of Funding Availability.

OMB Control Number: 2577-xxxx.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program requires eligible tribes and Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) recipients (which includes both tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) to submit specific information that is necessary if they want to implement security and substance abuse prevention programs in their communities. HUD will select applicants who successfully respond to the five rating factors listed in the NOFA for this competitive funding program.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Members of affected public: State or Local Government (Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages).

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: 40 average hours per response, approximately 144 respondents on an annual basis, 5,760 hours for a total reporting burden.

Status of the proposed information collection: New.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4561-N-31]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Federally Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grants

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:* May 25, 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 (2502-0476) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB 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, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is 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: Federally Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grants.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0476.

Form Numbers: HUD-50080-DF2B, SF-269, SF-424, SF-424-A, HUD-2880, SF-LLL.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: This package is a request to reinstate and revise the current OMB approval for this Information Collection. It adds three new financial and performance reporting requirements and changes requirements related to the application for grant funds.

Respondents: Business or other Not-for-profit.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Semi-annually.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Recordkeeping	450		3.3		37.3		55,950

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 55,950
Status: Reinstate with change.

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

Dated: April 14, 2000.

Wayne Eddins,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4561-N-32]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Institutions Assisting Communities Program (AN/NHIAC)

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:* May 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2528-0206) 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,

SW., Washington, DC 20410 e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2375. 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