

Beneficiaries to Participate in Informed Health Care Choices"). Unless we are able to identify those individuals and target appropriate outreach and communications strategies to prompt more attention to information about health care choices, at least some beneficiaries will find themselves with inadequate or inappropriate health insurance and may find themselves harmed as a result.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by September 30, 2000, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by September 26, 2000. During this 180-day period, we will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

Type of Information Collection

Request: New collection;

Title of Information Collection: Stages of Change Survey for Informed Choice in the Medicare Population;

Form No.: HCFA-10011 (OMB# 0938-NEW);

Use: This is a survey of Medicare beneficiaries in the first step in the application the Transtheoretical Model (the "stage model") to informed choice in the Medicare population. The Transtheoretical Model has been applied and proven effective in facilitating behavior change in a wide range of health behaviors including smoking cessation, mammography screening, and safe sex. This work will yield psychometrically sound and externally valid measures of beneficiaries' readiness to make informed choices about health plans, and provide information to HCFA to assist with its national educational campaign to inform beneficiaries about their choices. Stages of Change measures will be administered to 560 Medicare beneficiaries and initial enrollees. This survey research will yield psychometrically sound measures of beneficiaries' readiness to make informed choices about health plans, and provide information to guide HCFA's National Medicare Education Program (NMEP).;

Frequency: Other: One-time survey;
Affected Public: Individuals or households;

Number of Respondents: 560;

Total Annual Responses: 560;

Total Annual Hours: 327.

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, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of Information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these Information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by September 26, 2000:

Health Care Financing Administration,
Office of Information Services,
Security and Standards Group,
Division of HCFA Enterprise
Standards Attention: Dawn
Willingham (HCFA-10011), Room N2-
14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard,
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850
and

Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, Room 10235, New Executive
Office Building, Washington, DC
20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974
or (202) 395-5167 Attn: Allison
Herron Eydtt, HCFA Desk Officer.

Dated: September 28, 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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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.

(1) Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Organ Procurement Organization/ Histocompatibility Laboratory Statement of Reimbursable Costs, Manual Instructions and Supporting Regulations Contained in 42 CFR 413.20 and 413.24;

Form No.: HCFA-216 (OMB No. 0938-0102);

Use: This form is required by statute for participation in the Medicare program. The information is used to determine reasonable costs incurred to furnish treatment to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients by Organ Procurement Organizations and Histocompatibility Laboratories.

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal Government;

Number of Respondents: 108;

Total Annual Responses: 108;

Hours: 4,860.

(2) Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Third Party Premium Billing Request and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 408.6;

Form No.: HCFA-2384 (OMB 0938-0041);

Use: The Third Party Premium Billing Request is used as an authorization form to designate that a family member or other interested party receive the Medicare premium bill and pay it on behalf of a Medicare beneficiary.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 15,000;

Total Annual Responses: 15,000;

Total Annual Hours: 6,250.

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, DC 20503.

Dated: August 9, 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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-1153-N]

Medicare Program; Open Town Hall Meeting To Discuss Medicare Policy for Community Mental Health Centers on September 25, 2000

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a town hall meeting to provide an opportunity for community mental health centers (CMHCs), Medicare beneficiaries, advocates for the mentally ill, and other interested parties to address our staff in an effort to promote full understanding of our regulations and instructions on our partial hospitalization benefit.

DATES: September 25, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. C.D.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport, 818 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77061 located at the airport in Houston. Special arrangements have been made with the Hilton to hold a number of rooms for out of town guests interested in attending. To reserve your room, please call the Hilton directly at (713) 645-3000 no later than September 15, 2000. When calling to make a reservation, refer to the town hall Meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Samen, (410) 786-9161. Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Blvd., Mail Stop C5-05-27, Baltimore, Maryland 21244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

We are announcing a town hall meeting to provide an opportunity for the public, especially community mental health centers (CMHCs) and other advocates for the mentally ill to raise issues regarding the Medicare partial hospitalization benefit and other issues related to CMHCs. This town hall meeting provides a forum for CMHC providers to address us and express their views regarding our partial hospitalization policies and operational procedures. We intend to discuss the results of the CMHC initiative undertaken over the last year and our future plans regarding CMHCs and the partial hospitalization benefit.

II. Format of Meeting

We will begin the meeting with an overview of CMHC and partial hospitalization policy from our staff. This will be followed by remarks by members of Congress, and presentations from interested parties. Any member of the public may file a written statement to the For Further Information Contact. Although we will make an effort to allow for ad hoc comments from meeting participants, individuals who wish to make a presentation are urged to contact David Wright at (214) 767-6346 as soon as possible. There will be a limited time for participants to make presentations; participants will speak in the order in which they sign up. While the meeting is open to the public, attendance is limited to space available. Individuals must register in advance as described below.

III. Registration

J.W. Associates, LLC, as contractor for us, will handle registration for the meeting. Individuals may register by sending an e-mail to jwallc.com or telephone (301) 495-9471. At the time of registration, please provide your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. Receipt of your e-mail or telephone registration will constitute confirmation of your registration. We will provide you with meeting materials at the time of the meeting. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Em'Ria Briscoe at (301) 495-9471.

Authority: Section 1871 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1395hh).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: September 4, 2000.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-3036-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Medical and Surgical Procedures Panel of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee—October 17 and 18, 2000

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Medical and Surgical Procedures Panel of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC). The panel provides advice and recommendations to the agency about clinical issues. The panel will hear and discuss presentations from interested persons regarding electrostimulation for the treatment of wounds and sacral nerve stimulation for the treatment of refractory urinary urge incontinence and refractory urgency-frequency syndrome. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)).

DATES:

The Meeting: The meeting will be held on October 17, 2000 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on October 18, 2000 from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. E.D.T.

Deadline for Presentations and Comments: September 26, 2000, 5 p.m., E.D.T.

Special Accommodations: Persons attending the meeting who are hearing or visually impaired, and have a condition that requires special assistance or accommodations, are asked to notify the Executive Secretary by September 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES:

The Meeting: The meeting will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, Room 327, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Presentations and Comments: Submit formal presentations and written comments to Constance A. Conrad, Executive Secretary; Office of Clinical Standards and Quality; Health Care Financing Administration; 7500 Security Boulevard; Mail Stop S3-02-01; Baltimore, MD 21244.