

next administrative action or of any decisions in an alien's case.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 15,000 respondents will complete the form annually with an average of 3 minutes per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There are an estimated 750 total burden hours associated with this collection annually.

If additional information is required, contact: Lynn Bryant, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: April 1, 2008.

**Lynn Bryant,**

*Department Clearance Officer, PRA, United States Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Proposed Extension of the Approval of Information Collection Requirements

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration

is soliciting comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection for the following reports: Representative Payee Report (CM-623), Representative Payee Report, Short Form (CM-623S), and Physician's/Medical Officer's Statement (CM-787). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before June 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Mr. Steve Andoseh, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0373, fax (202) 693-1451, e-mail [andoseh.steven@dol.gov](mailto:andoseh.steven@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**I. Background:** The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Black Lung Workers' Compensation Program. Under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act (30 U.S.C 901) benefits due to a black lung beneficiary may be paid to a representative payee on behalf of the beneficiary when the beneficiary is unable to manage his/her benefits due to incapability, incompetence, or minority. The CM-623, Representative Payee Report is used to collect expenditure data regarding the disbursement of the beneficiary's benefits by the representative payee to assure that the beneficiary's needs are being met. The CM-623S, Representative Payee—Short Form is a shortened version of the CM-623 that is used when the representative payee is a family member residing with the beneficiary. The CM-787, Physician's/Medical Officer's Statement is used to gather information from the beneficiary's physician about the capability of the beneficiary to manage monthly benefits. This form is used by OWCP to determine if it is in the beneficiary's best interest to have his/her benefits managed by another party. The regulatory authority for collecting this information is in 20 CFR 725.506, 510, 511, and 513. This information

collection is currently approved for use through October 31, 2008.

**II. Review Focus:** The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**III. Current Actions:** The Department of Labor seeks the approval for the extension of this currently approved information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to determine if a beneficiary is capable and/or competent to manage his/her black lung benefits, and to ensure that the representative payee is using the benefits to meet the beneficiary's needs.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Representative Payee Report (CM-623), Representative Payee Report, Short Form (CM-623S), and Physician's/Medical Officer's Statement (CM-787).

*OMB Number:* 1215-0173.

*Agency Number:* CM-623, CM-623S, CM-787.

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

*Total Respondents:* 2,100.

*Total Annual responses:* 2,100.

*Average Time per Response:* 46.9 minutes.

#### BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Form No.      | Number of respondents | Number of responses | Avg. time per response (min.) | Burden hours |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| CM-623 .....  | 900                   | 900                 | 90                            | 1,350        |
| CM-623S ..... | 100                   | 100                 | 10                            | 17           |
| CM-787 .....  | 1,100                 | 1,100               | 15                            | 275          |

## BURDEN ESTIMATES—Continued

| Form No.    | Number of respondents | Number of responses | Avg. time per response (min.) | Burden hours |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Total ..... | 2,100                 | 2,100               | 46.9                          | 1,642        |

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,642.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

**Hazel M. Bell,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

**ADDRESSES** section below on or before June 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) is a nationally representative sample of persons who were born in the years 1980 to 1984. These respondents were ages 12-17 when the first round of annual interviews began in 1997; the twelfth round of annual interviews will be conducted from September 2008 to May 2009. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) contracts with the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago to conduct the NLSY97. The primary objective of the survey is to study the transition from schooling to the establishment of careers and families. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires information to be collected from the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation.

One of the goals of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to produce and disseminate timely, accurate, and relevant information about the U.S. labor force. The BLS contributes to this goal by gathering information about the labor force and labor market and disseminating it to policymakers and the public so that participants in those markets can make more informed, and thus more efficient, choices. Research based on the NLSY97 contributes to the formation of national policy in the areas of education, training, employment programs, and school-to-work transitions. In addition to the reports that the BLS produces based on data from the NLSY97, members of the academic community publish articles and reports based on NLSY97 data for the DOL and other funding agencies. To date, more than 70 articles examining

NLSY97 data have been published in scholarly journals. The survey design provides data gathered from the same respondents over time to form the only data set that contains this type of information for this important population group. Without the collection of these data, an accurate longitudinal data set could not be provided to researchers and policymakers, thus adversely affecting the DOL's ability to perform its policy- and report-making activities.

##### II. Current Action

The BLS seeks approval to conduct round 12 of annual interviews of the NLSY97. Respondents to the NLSY97 will undergo an interview of approximately one hour during which they will answer questions about schooling and labor market experiences, family relationships, and community background. During the fielding period for the main round 12 interviews, about 2 percent of respondents will be asked to participate in a brief validation interview a few weeks after the initial interview. The purpose of the validation interview is to verify that the initial interview took place as the interviewer reported and to assess the data quality of selected questionnaire items.

The BLS proposes to record randomly selected segments of the main interviews and all validation interviews during round 12. Recording interviews can help the BLS and NORC to ensure that the interviews actually took place and that interviewers are reading the questions exactly as worded and entering the responses properly. Recording also can help to identify parts of the interview that might be causing problems or misunderstanding for interviewers or respondents. The BLS and NORC will not release any variables that are developed from the recording of the interviews to anyone not associated with the NLS program at the BLS or its contractors. Each respondent will be informed that the interview may be recorded for quality control, testing, and training purposes. If the respondent objects to the recording of the interview, the interviewer will confirm to the respondent that the interview will not be recorded and then proceed with the interview.