

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment Standards Administration****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 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 the proposed collection: *Claim for Medical Reimbursement Form (OWCP-915)*. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before October 14, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, FAX (202) 693-1451, e-mail [Bell.Hazel@dol.gov](mailto:Bell.Hazel@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 Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101, *et seq.*, the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384 *et seq.* These Acts require OWCP to pay for covered medical treatment that is provided to beneficiaries, and also to reimburse beneficiaries for any out-of-pocket covered medical expenses they have paid. Respondents under BLBA use similar Form CM-915 (approved under OMB No. 1215-0052) to seek reimbursement for out-of-pocket

medical expenses they have paid, while respondents under the EEOICPA use Form EE-915 (approved under OMB No. 1215-0197). OWCP is now seeking an extension of the approval for this collection of information for respondents under the BLBA and EEOICPA using a new form (Form OWCP-915) for all three programs. Clearance of the OWCP-915 for use by beneficiaries from all three programs is a vital step in the unification of OWCP's separate medical bill processing systems under one contractor. The OWCP-915 provides a standardized format for the beneficiary to bill OWCP for recovery of fees paid in connection with their treatment. This information collection is currently approved for use through January 31, 2004.

**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 approval for the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to provide payment for certain covered medical services to injured employees who are covered under the Acts.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Claim for Medical Reimbursement Form.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0193.

*Agency Number:* OWCP-915.

*Affected Public:* Individual or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Total Respondents:* 33,727.

*Total Responses:* 134,908.

*Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 22,394.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$148,000.

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: August 6, 2003.

**Bruce Bohanon,**

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**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS****Copyright Office**

[Docket No. 2003-2 CARP CD 2001]

**Ascertainment of Controversy for the 2001 Cable Royalty Funds**

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comments and notices of intention to participate.

**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress directs all claimants to royalty fees collected for calendar year 2001 under the cable statutory license to submit comments as to whether a Phase I or Phase II controversy exists as to the distribution of those fees and a Notice of Intention to Participate in a royalty distribution proceeding.

**DATES:** Comments and Notices of Intention to Participate are due on September 12, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** If sent by mail, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intention to Participate should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024. If hand delivered, an original and five copies should be brought to the Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room 403, First and Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20540.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David O. Carson, General Counsel, or Tanya M. Sandros, Senior Attorney,