

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN ¹

Form	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hours
FDA 3397	208	14.4	2,921	.30	876

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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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:
Request for Medicare Payment—Ambulance and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR Section 410.40 and 424.124;
Form No.: HCFA-1491 (OMB# 0938-0042);

Use: This form is used by physicians, suppliers, and beneficiaries to request payment of Part B Medicare services. It is used to apply for reimbursement for ambulance services.

Frequency: On occasion;
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, and Not-for-profit Institutions;

Number of Respondents: 9,301,183;
Total Annual Responses: 9,301,183;
Total Annual Hours: 390,418.

(2.) *Type of Information Collection*
Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: ESRD Beneficiary Selection and Supporting Regulations Contained in 42 CFR 414.330;

Form No.: HCFA-382 (OMB# 0938-0372);

Use: ESRD facilities have each new home dialysis patient select one of two methods to handle Medicare reimbursement. The intermediaries pay for the beneficiaries selecting Method I and the carriers pay for the beneficiaries selecting Method II. This system was developed to avoid duplicate billing by both intermediaries and carriers.

Frequency: Other (One time only);
Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, and not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 8,600;
Total Annual Responses: 8,600;
Total Annual Hours: 717.

(3.) *Type of Information Collection*
Request: Revision of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection:
Evaluation of the State Medicaid Reform Demonstrations and Evaluation of the Medicaid Health Reform Demonstrations;

Form No.: HCFA-R-207 (OMB# 0938-0708);

Use: These evaluations investigate health care reform in ten states that have implemented demonstration programs using Section 1115 waivers. The surveys gather information to answer questions regarding access to health care, quality of care delivered, satisfaction with health services, and the use and cost of health services. During the extended period of authorization, the surveys will be administered to Medicaid eligibles, both demonstration participants and comparison group non-participants;

Frequency: Other: One-time;
Affected Public: Individuals or Households;
Number of Respondents: 5,050;
Total Annual Responses: 5,050;
Total Annual Hours: 2,746.

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 Eydtt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 20, 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-1162-N]

Medicare Program; Establishment of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification Groups and Request for Nominations for Members

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the establishment of the Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups and solicits nominations for members of the panel. The purpose of the panel is to review the APC groups and their associated weights and advise the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) concerning the clinical integrity of these groups and weights, which are major elements of the hospital outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS). This notice also announces that on November 21, 2000 the Secretary signed the charter establishing the panel. The charter will

terminate two years from the signing date unless renewed by the Secretary.

DATES: Nominations for members will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, before 5 p.m. on December 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail written nominations for membership to the following address ONLY: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: HCFA-1162-N, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

If you prefer, you may deliver, by courier, your written nominations to one of the following addresses: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 443-G, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Health Care Financing Administration, Room C5-14-03, Central Building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Nominations mailed to those addresses designated for courier delivery may be delayed and could be considered late. Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept nominations by facsimile (FAX) or email transmission. Please refer to file code HCFA-1162-N on each nomination.

You may receive a copy of the Secretary's charter for the panel by mailing a written request to the following address: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: HCFA-1162-N, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Olenick, (410) 786-0282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The requirement for the Secretary to consult with an outside Advisory Panel on Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) Groups is set forth in section 1833(t)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act), as added by section 201(h) and redesignated by section 202(a)(2) of the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 (BBRA 1999). The Secretary signed the charter establishing the panel on November 21, 2000. The charter will terminate two years from the signing date unless renewed by the Secretary. The purpose of the panel is to review, and advise the Secretary and the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) concerning, the clinical integrity of the APC groups and associated weights. The panel consists of up to 15 members, selected by the Secretary or a designee, and a Chair, who is a government official appointed by the Secretary.

The panel meets once each calendar year in January or February so that we may consider its advice when we prepare the Annual Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for changes to the hospital outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS). The work of the panel is technical in nature and will concentrate on the operational aspects of the APC system. We will prepare the agenda for the panel's activities, which will set the boundaries for discussion, and will include issues such as the following:

- The determination as to whether selected procedures are similar both clinically and in terms of resource use.
- The assignment of new HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes to new or existing APCs.
- The reassignment of HCPCS codes to different APCs.
- The reconfiguring of existing APCs into new APCs.

The panel will not make policy recommendations and will not discuss items not on the agenda. Items that will not be considered for the agenda include the following, as well as other items that are determined by us to be outside the technical scope of the panel's activities:

- The conversion factor.
- The OPPS wage adjustments.
- The outlier or transitional corridor payments.
- The transitional pass-through payments for medical devices, drugs, and biologicals.

In order to obtain the broadest possible input for its work, the panel must consult with entities and organizations, such as the medical device and drug industries, with expert technical knowledge of the components of the APCs. The panel may use data collected or developed from entities and organizations other than the Department of Health and Human Services and HCFA in conducting its review.

We are requesting nominations for members to serve on the panel. Panel members serve without compensation, although travel, meals, lodging, and related expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with standard government travel regulations. We have a special interest in ensuring that women, minorities, and the physically challenged are adequately represented on the panel and encourage nominations of qualified candidates from those groups.

II. Criteria for Nominees

Nominees must be representatives of Medicare providers (including Community Mental Health Centers) subject to the OPPS, with technical and/

or clinical expertise in any of the following areas:

- Hospital payment systems.
- Hospital medical care delivery systems.
- Outpatient payment requirements.
- Ambulatory payment classification groups.
- Use of, and payment for, drugs and medical devices in an outpatient setting.
- Provision of, and payment for, partial hospitalization services.
- Any other relevant expertise.

It is not necessary that any nominee possess expertise in all of the areas listed, but each must have a minimum of five years experience, and currently be employed full-time, in his or her area of expertise. Members of the panel serve overlapping four-year terms, contingent upon the rechartering of the panel.

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Each nomination must include a letter of nomination, a curriculum vita of the nominee, and a statement from the nominee that the nominee is willing to serve on the panel.

Authority: Section 1833(t)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395(t)).

Dated: November 29, 2000.

Michael M. Hash,

Acting Administrator, Health, Care Financing Administration

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of Laboratories Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services notifies Federal agencies of the laboratories currently certified to meet standards of Subpart C of Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (59 FR 29916, 29925). A similar notice listing all currently certified laboratories will be published during the first week of each month, and updated to include laboratories which subsequently apply for and complete the certification process. If any listed laboratory's certification is totally suspended or revoked, the laboratory will be omitted