

number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a valid control number.

Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before July 27, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-XXXX.

Title: Bill for Collection.

Form No.: FCC Form 163.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 120,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: .25 hours (15 minutes).

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 30,000 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Needs and Uses: The FCC Form 163 is used by the Commission to bill entities for an unpaid fee. Such fees as: application fees, regulatory fees, fines and forfeiture payments, freedom of information requests, international telecommunications settlements, and interagency reimbursable agreements will be paid via this form. Most of the information on the form is populated by the Commission. The respondent will complete the Payer FCC Registration

Number (FRN) and indicate their method of payment, *i.e.*, credit card, check, wire transfer, Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC), and Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR). If paying by credit card, the respondent will indicate which credit card is being used, enter the credit card number, expiration date, and sign and date the form to authorize the charge.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Renewal of an Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed renewal of an information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Foreign Branching and Investment By Insured State Nonmember Banks."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Leneta Gregorie, Counsel, Legal Division, Room 3062, Attention: Comments/Legal Division, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20429. All comments should refer to "Foreign Branching and Investment by Insured State Nonmember Banks." Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Comments may be submitted electronically to comments@fdic.gov. Comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Mark Menchik, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leneta G. Gregorie, (202) 898-3719, or at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Foreign Branching and Investment By Insured State Nonmember Banks.

OMB Number: 3064-0125.

Affected Public: All financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 61.

Estimated Number of Responses: 61.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours-400 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 20,298 hours.

General Description of Collection: The Federal Deposit Insurance (FDI) Act requires nonmember banks to obtain FDIC consent to establish or operate a branch in a foreign country, or to acquire and hold, directly or indirectly, stock or other evidences of ownership in any foreign bank or other entity. The FDI Act also authorizes the FDIC to impose conditions for such consent and to issue regulations related thereto. The information collection activities attributable to 12 CFR part 347 and part 303, subpart J are a direct consequence of these statutory requirements.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 24th day of May, 2004.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Preliminary Measure Sets for the National Healthcare Quality Report and the National Healthcare Disparities Report

Request for Comments

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces a request for public comment on the Proposed 2004 Measure Sets to be used in preparing the National Healthcare Quality Report (NHQR) and National Healthcare Disparities Report (NHDR). The NHQR and NHDR are congressionally mandated reports (*see* 42 U.S.C. 299b-2(b)(2) regarding an annual report on National trends in health care quality and *see* 42 U.S.C. 299a-1(a)(6) regarding an annual report on disparities in health care among AHRQ's priority populations). The 2003 Measure Sets for the reports were generated through extensive input with public and private organizations, including a call for measures to Federal agencies and private organizations AHRQ issued through the Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force (QuIC), from October 2000-February 2001. The Institute of Medicine issued a separate call to private organizations from June-July 2000, the results of which were shared with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Interagency DHHS working groups then reviewed and revised the candidate measures. A public hearing on the revised measures was held in July 2002 with the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics. The 2003 reports to Congress, based on these measure sets, were released in December 2003. AHRQ and the interagency working groups for the reports have been working to update the measure sets based on comments received during the Departmental clearance of the 2003 reports and the two public comment periods for the 2003 reports. AHRQ and the interagency working groups are now seeking comments on the revised measure sets for each report. In general, AHRQ is interested in comments on (1) the extent to which each proposed new measure set consists of measures that

meet the criteria of importance, scientific soundness, and feasibility; (2) the appropriateness of the data sources for each measure; and (3) the extent to which each set has balance, comprehensiveness, and robustness.

AHRQ is also looking for comments on the set of proposed measures that will be highlighted in the 2004 NHQR and NHDR. The proposed highlight measures are a subset of the larger measure sets for the NHQR and NHDR and will be featured in the report text.

Availability of Preliminary Measure Set

A copy of the Preliminary Measure Set for the 2004 NHQR is available from AHRQ Web site at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhqr04/premeasures.htm>.

A copy of the Preliminary Measure Set for the 2004 NHDR is available from AHRQ Web site at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhdr04/premeasures.htm>.

Copies of the List of Proposed Highlight Measures are available from the AHRQ Web site at <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nhqr04/himeasures.htm>.

For organizations without access to the Internet, AHRQ will make a paper version available either through overnight mail or by fax upon written request. Requests for paper versions of the preliminary measure set should be faxed to the fax number below.

Comments Deadline

Written comments will be accepted by 30 days after publication. For submission of written comments and additional information: Ed Kelley, PhD, Director, National Healthcare Quality Report, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, e-mail: ekelley@ahrq.gov or absent internet access, fax to Dr. Edward Kelley at (301) 427-1341.

Public Review of Comments

Comments and responses received will be available for public inspection at AHRQ's Information Resource Center (IRC) public reading room between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on regular business days at 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Arrangements for viewing public comments may be made by calling (301) 427-1287.

Responses may also be accessed through AHRQ's Electronic Freedom of Information Reading Room.

Dated: May 24, 2004.
Carolyn M. Clancy,
Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicare Program; Establishment of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Request for Nominations for Members

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the establishment of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and discusses the group's purpose and charter. It also solicits nominations for members.

DATES: Nominations for membership will be considered if they are received by July 12, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to—Division of Acute Care, Mail stop C4-08-06, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850; Attention: Beverly J. Parker.

Send written requests for copies of the EMTALA TAG Charter to—Division of Acute Care, Mail stop C4-08-06, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850; Attention: Marianne M. Myers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly J. Parker (410) 786-5320. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690-6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 1866(a)(1)(I), 1866(a)(1)(N), and 1867 of the Social Security Act (the Act) impose specific obligations on Medicare-participating hospitals that offer emergency services. These obligations concern individuals who come to a hospital emergency department and request examination or treatment for medical conditions, and apply to all of these individuals, regardless of whether or not they are beneficiaries of any program under the Act. Section 1867 of the Act sets forth requirements for medical screening