

and the general public, through publications, newsletters, bibliographies, press releases, public service announcements, and other electronic and printed materials; (11) maintains a specialized collection of violence resources that includes subject files and reprints of CDC-authored publications and "MMWR" articles; (12) works closely with relevant offices or groups, including the NCIPC Office of Communication Resources and the CDC Office of Communication, to secure appropriate clearance of materials; (13) implements national violence prevention public information programs and assists in developing strategic communications activities and services at the national level to inform and educate the American public about violence, especially people who are at greatest risk.

Dated: March 5, 2001.

**Jeffrey P. Koplan,**  
Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, DHHS.

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, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this 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.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* Annual Report on Home and Community Based Services Waivers and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 440.181 and 441.300-.305;

*Form No.:* HCFA-372 (OMB# 0938-0272);

*Use:* States request waivers in order for beneficiaries to have the option of receiving hospital services in their homes. States with an approved waiver under section 1915(c) of the Act are required to submit the HCFA-372 or HCFA-372(S) annually in order for HCFA to: (1) Verify that State assurances regarding waiver cost-neutrality are met, and (2) determine the waiver's impact on the type, amount and cost of services provided under the State plan and health and welfare of recipients;

*Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal government;

*Number of Respondents:* 50;

*Total Annual Responses:* 243;

*Total Annual Hours:* 18,225.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, 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 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, Attn: HCFA 372, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-2079-PN]

#### Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Recognition of the American Osteopathic Association for Ambulatory Surgical Centers Program

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

**ACTION:** Proposed Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice we announce the receipt of an application from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), for recognition as a national accreditation program for ambulatory surgical centers that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. The Social Security Act requires that the Secretary publish a notice identifying the national accreditation body making the request, describing the nature of the request, and providing at least 30-day public comment period.

**DATES:** We will consider comments if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on April 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to the following address:

Health Care Financing Administration,  
Department of Health and Human Services,  
Attention: HCFA-2079-PN, P.O. Box 8013,  
Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

To ensure that mailed comments are received in time for us to consider them, please allow for possible delays in delivering them.

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 443-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building,  
200 Independence Avenue, SW.,  
Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-16-03,  
7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore,  
MD 21244-8013.

Comments mailed to the above addresses may be delayed and received too late for us to consider them.

Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code HCFA-2079-PN. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, in Room 443-G of the Department's office at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on Monday