

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: SSO Report of State Buy In Problems and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 407.40;

Form No.: HCFA-1957 (0938-0035);

Use: The HCFA-1957 is issued to assist with communications between the Social Security District Offices, Medicaid State Agencies and HCFA Central Offices in the resolution of beneficiary complaints, regarding entitlement under state buy-ins. It is used when a problem arises which cannot be resolved thru normal data exchange.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, and Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 2,000;

Total Annual Responses: 2,000;

Total Annual Hours: 716.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms 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, 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, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-

14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: January 24, 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

National Institutes of Health

Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 26, 1999, and allowed 60 days for public comment. One request for a copy of the data collection instrument was received and fulfilled. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: National Institutes of Health Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (UGSP). *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a previously approved collection (OMB No. 0925-0438, expiration date February 29, 2000). *Form Numbers:* NIH 2762-1, NIH 2762-2, NIH 2762-3, and NIH 2762-4. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The NIH makes available scholarship awards to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical research. The scholarships pay for tuition and reasonable educational and living expenses up to \$20,000 per academic year at an accredited undergraduate institution. In return, for each year of scholarship support, the recipient is obligated to serve as a full-time paid employee in an NIH research laboratory for 10 consecutive weeks during the months of June through August and for 1 year after graduation. If the recipient pursues a post-graduate degree (graduate, medical, dental, or veterinarian school), the post-graduation service obligation may be deferred with the approval of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services. The information proposed for collection will be used by the Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship to determine an applicant's eligibility for participation in the UGSP. The UGSP is authorized by Section 487D of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 USC 288-2), as amended by the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 (Publ. L. 103-43). *Frequency of Response:* Initial application and annual renewal application. *Affected Public:* Applicants (high school or undergraduate students), recommenders, undergraduate institution financial aid staff. The annual reporting burden estimates are as follows:

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Applicant	250	1.0	3.167	791.75
Recommender	750	1.0	1.0	750.00
Financial Aid Staff	250	1.0	.5	125.00
Totals	1,250			1,666.75

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$29,263.81. There are no capital costs, operating costs, or maintenance costs to report.

Request for comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the

public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3)

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Marc S. Horowitz, J.D., Director, Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 604, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-9121. Mr. Horowitz can be contacted via e-mail at MHorowitz@nih.gov or by calling (301) 402-5666 (not a toll-free number).

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before March 6, 2000.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

Ruth L. Kirschstein,

Acting Director, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluation of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Partnership Program

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 1999 (64 FR 25360) and allowed 60 days for public comment. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

5 CFR 1320.5 (General requirements) Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements: Final Rule requires that the agency inform the potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: Evaluation of the NIDCD Partnership Program. **Type of Information Collection Request:** NEW. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** The NIDCD was established to support biomedical and behavioral research and research training in

hearing, smell, balance, taste, voice, speech and language. Although minorities and women will dominate the work force within the next decade, both groups are under represented in the science and health professional field. Because of this concern, the NIDCD, with assistance from the Office of Research on Minority Health, established the Partnership Program in 1994 to increase the number of minority scientists and health care professionals doing research on communication and communication disorders. The proposed survey will yield data about: (1) reasons for participation in the program; (2) satisfaction of participants with the program and (3) how participation in the program has lead to the pursuit of a career in the health field. This survey will track the Partnership Program's success at increasing the number of women and minorities who are scientists. **Frequency of Response:** One. **Affected Public:** Individuals. **Type of Respondent:** Partnership Program Participants. The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 76; **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1; **Average Burden Hours Per Response:** 0.5; and **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:** 38. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$380. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Note: The following table is acceptable for the Respondent and Burden Estimate Information, if appropriate, instead of the text as shown above.

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Initial program participant survey	16	1	0.5	8
Follow up survey of participant	60	1	0.5	30
Total	76			38

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for fulfillment of the NIDCD mission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed data collection, including the validity of the methodology; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

data collection and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including appropriate use of automated collection techniques and information technology.

Direct Comments To OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of

Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Mrs. Kay C. Johnson-Graham, EEO Officer, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, NIDCD, NIH, Building 31, Room 3C08, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, or call non-toll-free number (301) 402-6415 or E-mail your request,