

determine the medical necessity of the item or service. The information needed to make this determination requires application of medical judgement that can only be provided by a physician or other clinician who is familiar with the condition of the beneficiary;

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and Federal Government;

Number of Respondents: 140,000;

Total Annual Responses: 6.8 million;

Total Annual Hours: 1.13 to 1.7 million.

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 16, 2000

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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.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection:

Emergency and Foreign Hospital Services—Beneficiary Statement in Canadian Travel Claims and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 424.123;

Form No.: HCFA-R-0096 (OMB# 0938-0484);

Use: Payment may be made for certain Part A inpatient hospital services and Part B outpatient hospital services provided in a nonparticipating U.S. or foreign hospital when services are necessary to prevent the death or serious impairment of the health of the individual. In these situations, the threat to the life or health of the individual necessitates the use of the most accessible hospital available and equipped to furnish such services. Section 3698.4, requires a beneficiary statement indication that after a medical emergency occurred, the beneficiary was traveling between Alaska and another State through Canada by the most direct route without unreasonable delay to acquire medical care;

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 1,100;

Total Annual Responses: 1,100;

Total Annual Hours: 275.

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

Dated: January 3, 2000.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of lodging of consent decree pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *In re: Cuyahoga Equipment Corporation, et al.*, Case Nos. 86-12206, *et al.* (PCB) (Jointly Administered) (Bkcy. S.D.N.Y.), was lodged on January 11, 2000, with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The proposed consent decree would settle a claim asserted in this Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding by the United States on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for reimbursement of post-petition administrative expenses in the nature of environmental response costs incurred with respect to the Publicker Industries, Inc. Superfund Site in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (the "Publicker Site"). The United States, on behalf of EPA, alleged in a separate federal court action that Cuyahoga Wrecking Corporation and Overland Corporation, two of the debtors involved in the bankruptcy proceeding, were liable as owners and/or operators of the Publicker Site under Section 107(a)(1) and (2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(1), (2) for, *inter alia*, reimbursement of the United States' response costs incurred in connection with the Publicker Site. *United States and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Publicker Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civ. No. 90-7984 (E.D. Pa.). Through that litigation and other cost recovery efforts, the United States previously recovered and expects to recover \$16.85 million of the \$21.4 million in costs it incurred at the Site, leaving unreimbursed costs, exclusive of prejudgment interest, of approximately \$4.55 million.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, the United States will recover from the Chapter 11 bankruptcy trustee for the debtors' estate the sum of \$1 million, to be paid to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund.