

technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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 OS document identifier, to [Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherette.funncoleman@hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received within 30 days of this notice

directly to the OS OMB Desk Officer all comments must be faxed to OMB at 202-395-6974.

**Proposed Project:** Institutional Review Board/Independent Ethics Committee Forms-Extension—OMB No. 0990-0279—Office for Human Research Protections.

**Abstract:** The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is requesting a three year extension of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Independent Ethics Committee (IEC) Registration Form designed to provide a simplified procedure for institutions

engaged in Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) conducted or supported research to satisfy the assurance requirements of Section 491(a) of the Public Health Service Act and HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects at 45 CFR 46.103. Respondents are institutions or organizations operating IRBs or IECs designated by an institution under an assurance of compliance approved for federal-wide use by OHRP and that review HHS-conducted or supported research. Data is collected as necessary.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
IRB/IEC-0279 .....	6,000	2	1	12,000

**Terry Nicolosi,**

*Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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#### Agency Information Collection Request; 30-Day Public Comment Request

**Agency:** Office of the Secretary, HHS. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request 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 collection technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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information collections must be received within 30 days of this notice directly to the OS OMB Desk Officer all comments must be faxed to OMB at 202-395-6974.

**Proposed Project:** Federal-wide Assurance Forms-Extension—OMB No. 0990-0278—Office for Human Research Protections.

**Abstract:** The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is requesting a three year extension of the Federal-wide Assurance (FWA) forms. The FWA forms were designed to provide a simplified procedure for institutions engaged in HHS-conducted or supported research to satisfy the assurance requirements of section 49(a) of the Public Health Service Act and HHS Regulations for the protection of human subjects at 45 CFR 46.103. The respondents are institutions engaged in human subjects research that is conducted or supported by HHS. Data is collected as needed.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
FWA 0278 .....	10,000	2	45/60	15,000

**Terry Nicolosi,**

*Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Office of the Secretary; Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims

collection regulations (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than

the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 12 $\frac{1}{8}$ % for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: January 16, 2008.

**Molly P. Dawson,**

*Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Confidentiality, Privacy, and Security Workgroup Meeting**

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the 17th meeting of the American Health Information Community Confidentiality, Privacy, and Security Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

**DATES:** February 5, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. [Eastern Time].

**ADDRESSES:** Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090 (please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/confidentiality/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Workgroup Members will continue discussing and evaluating the confidentiality, privacy, and security protections and requirements for participants in electronic health information exchange environments.

The meeting will be available via Web cast. For additional information, go to: [http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/cps\\_instruct.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/cps_instruct.html).

Dated: January 17, 2008.

**Judith Sparrow,**

*Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Personalized Healthcare Workgroup Meeting**

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the 12th meeting of the American Health Information Community Personalized Healthcare Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

**DATES:** February 14, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. [Eastern Time].

**ADDRESSES:** Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090. Please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/healthcare/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Workgroup will discuss possible common data standards to incorporate interoperable, clinically useful genetic/genomic information and analytical tools into Electronic Health Records (EHRs) to support clinical decision-making for the clinician and consumer.

The meeting will be available via Web cast. For additional information, go to: [http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/healthcare/phc\\_instruct.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/healthcare/phc_instruct.html).

Dated: January 17, 2008.

**Judith Sparrow,**

*Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Chronic Care Workgroup Meeting**

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the 22nd meeting of the American Health Information Community Chronic Care Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).

**DATES:** February 15, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090. Please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/chroniccare/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The workgroup will hear testimony on ways to use information technology to better coordinate care for patients with chronic conditions and will discuss this information in light of opportunities to better facilitate patient care coordination.

The meeting will be available via Web cast. For additional information, go to: [http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/chroniccare/cc\\_instruct.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/chroniccare/cc_instruct.html)

Dated: January 18, 2008.

**Judith Sparrow,**

*Director, American Health Information Community, Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup Meeting**

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the 23rd meeting of the American Health Information Community Consumer Empowerment Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.).