

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: Julie Brown, Attn.: HCFA-R-214, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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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.

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:* Medicare/Medicaid Psychiatric Hospital Survey Data and Supporting Regulations Contained in 42 CFR 482.60, 482.61 and 482.62; *Form No.:* HCFA-724 (OMB# 0938-0378); *Use:* The information collected on this form will assist HCFA in maintaining an accurate data base on providers participating in the Medicare psychiatric hospital program; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:*

Federal government, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 350; *Total Annual Responses:* 350; *Total Annual Hours:* 175.

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, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, Attn.: HCFA 784, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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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:* Hospice Request for Certification in the Medicare Program; *Form No.:* HCFA-417 (OMB # 0938-0313); *Use:* The Hospice Request for Certification Form is used for hospice identification, screening, and to initiate the certification process. The information captured on this form is entered into a data base which assists HCFA in determining whether providers have sufficient personnel to participate in the Medicare program; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 2,286; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,286; *Total Annual Hours:* 572.

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, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Julie Brown, Attn.: HCFA 417, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Resources and Services Administration****Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Grant Program**

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that up to \$15 million in fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds is anticipated for up to 80 grants to regional poison control centers (PCCs) for the implementation of project grants to enhance and improve poison education, prevention and treatment services. Grants will be made in the following categories: financial stabilization grants to certified PCCs across the Nation; certification grants to non-certified PCCs; incentive grants to encourage collaboration; and system development and service access grants for rural and geographically isolated areas to allow time to obtain certified poison control services. All awards will be made under the program authority of the Poison Center Enhancement and Awareness Act (Pub. L. 106-174). This Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Grant Program (CFDA #93.253) will be administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), HRSA. Projects in the following four categories will be approved for up to a 3-year period, with awards in subsequent years contingent upon the availability of funds: (1) Stabilization grant awards will range from approximately \$60,000 to \$1,600,000 annually, depending on the size of the population served, and will be awarded for up to three years; (2) Certification grants, also population based, will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 annually and will be awarded for up to three years; (3) Incentive grants will be awarded at \$125,000 annually for up to two years; and (4) Service Access grant awards will be \$50,000 for one year only. Funding for Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Grants in FY 2001 is made available under the FY 2001 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 106-554).

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is May 8, 2001. Applications will be considered "on time" if they are either received on or before the deadline date or postmarked on or before the deadline date. The

projected award date is September 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To receive a complete application kit, applicants may telephone the HRSA Grants Application Center at 1-877-477-2123 (1-877-HRSA-123) beginning March 12, 2001, or register on-line at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>, or by accessing http://www.hrsa.gov/g_order3.htm directly. This program uses the standard Form PHS 5161-1 (rev. 7/00) for applications (approved under OMB No. 0920-0428). Applicants must use Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 93.253 when requesting application materials. The CFDA is a Government wide compendium of enumerated Federal programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance. All applications should be mailed or delivered to: Grants Management Officer, MCHB; HRSA Grants Application Center, 1815 N. Fort Meyer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22209; telephone: 1-877-477-2123; E-mail: hrsagac@hrsa.gov.

This application guidance and the required forms for the Poison Control Center Stabilization and Enhancement Grant Program may be downloaded in either WordPerfect 6.1 or Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) from the MCHB Home Page at <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/>. Please contact Joni Johns, at 301/443-2088, or jjohns@hrsa.gov, if you need technical assistance in accessing the MCHB Home Page via the Internet.

This announcement will appear in the **Federal Register** and on the HRSA Home Page at: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/>. **Federal Register** notices are found on the World Wide Web by following instructions at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol A. Delany, 301/443-5372, email: cdelany@hrsa.gov (for questions specific to project activities of the program, program objectives); Theda Duvall, 301/443-1440, email: tduvall@hrsa.gov (for grants policy, budgetary, and business questions).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Program Background and Objectives**

Of an estimated four million poisonings in the United States each year, more than two million are reported to PCCs. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home and 60 percent of the poisoning victims are children under age six. United States PCCs provide easy access, free of charge, to persons seeking help, including a telephone hotline staffed by toxicology

professionals and immediate information and treatment advice regarding suspected toxic exposures to drugs, chemicals, plants, and other substances.

The ready accessibility of high quality poison control services has been proven to decrease the severity of illness, prevent deaths and significantly reduce health care costs. Despite the life-saving, cost-effective contributions of poison control centers to the health and well-being of the U.S. population, chronic underfunding has reduced the number of centers significantly in the past three decades. At the present time, funding instability continues to threaten the existence of the poison control centers which serve this country. Unstable funding has also had an adverse impact on the capacity of the PCCs to enhance and improve services and develop a comprehensive National system.

Public Law 106-174, the "Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act," was enacted on February 25, 2000, to respond to this crisis. It authorizes funding to stabilize centers financially and encourage the enhancement and improvement of poison education, prevention and treatment services. It contains provisions designed to increase the number of Americans with access to quality poison control services and decrease the use of more expensive emergency medical services, by: establishing a national toll-free telephone number with related nationwide media and advertising campaigns to ensure access to PCCs for all Americans; educating the public and health care providers about poison prevention and the availability of poison control resources in local communities; and establishing a grant program to improve the financial stability of PCCs and strengthen poisoning prevention and treatment programs and services.

Public Law 106-554 includes an appropriation of \$20 million to fund activities specified under Public Law 106-174. This Notice addresses the establishment of the grant program for poison centers authorized under Section 6(a) of Public Law 106-174. The law prohibits use of these grant funds for the supplantation of other Federal, State, and local funds and requires maintenance of effort by the poison control centers.

The MCHB has sought input from interested parties as it develops its plan for a realistic and effective response to the crisis in the Nation's PCCs. It has worked in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and