

**Proposed Project: The National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program Deferment Request Forms and Associated Reporting Requirements (OMB No. 0915-0179)—Revision**

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program was established to assure an adequate supply of trained primary care health professionals (allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, and, if needed by the NHSC program, other health professionals), to provide services in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) throughout the United States. Under the Program, the Secretary has

entered into contracts with health professions students agreeing to pay the total school tuition, required fees and a stipend for living expenses. In exchange, the scholarship recipients agreed to provide full-time clinical services at a site in a federally designated HPSA.

To assure that scholars are adequately trained to provide primary health services to the underserved, individuals receiving a degree from a school of medicine (allopathic or osteopathic) are required by law to request a deferment of their service obligation to complete primary care postgraduate training (e.g., a residency) approved by the NHSC. Scholars in other disciplines (e.g., dentistry) may request a deferment of

their service obligation to pursue postgraduate training approved by the NHSC. The Deferment Request Form solicits information (including the period and type of training for which the deferment is requested), so that the NHSC is able to annually determine if a deferment will be approved. In special circumstances (e.g., switching residency programs, requesting a chief residency position, etc.), the scholar may also be asked to submit additional documentation (e.g., a letter from the new program director, a description of the chief residency position and how it would benefit the NHSC, etc.)

The estimated response burden is as follows:

| Form                                | Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Hours per response | Total hour burden |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Deferment Request Forms .....       | 600                   | 1                        | 1                  | 600               |
| Letters of Intent and Request ..... | 100                   | 1                        | 1                  | 100               |
| Total .....                         | 700                   | .....                    | .....              | 700               |

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16C-17, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of

the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project: The National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program In-School Worksheets (OMB No. 0915-0250)—Revision**

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program was established to help alleviate the geographical maldistribution of physicians and other health practitioners in the United States. Under this program, health professions students are offered scholarships in return for future services in a federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Area. If awarded an NHSC scholarship, the program will require the scholar and the scholar's school to review and complete relevant data collection

worksheets for each year that the student is an NHSC scholar.

The *Data Sheet Form* requests that the NHSC scholar review the form for accuracy of pertinent information such as, social security number, contact information, current curriculum, and date of graduation. If scholars find the printed information to be accurate, they must sign the form and return it to the NHSC Scholarship Program in the envelope provided. If NHSC scholars find the information to be inaccurate, they are to make the necessary changes directly on the form. If the inaccurate information pertains to their curriculum or date of graduation, the scholars are also asked to include written supporting documentation from their schools.

The *Verification Sheet Form* is sent to the schools along with a list of the NHSC scholars that are enrolled at their school for the current academic year. The schools are asked to verify and/or correct the enrollment status of each of the scholars on the list, sign and date the form, and return it to the NHSC Scholarship Program in the envelope provided.

The *Contact Sheet Form* is sent to the schools and it requests the contact information of pertinent school officials. This information is used by the NHSC Scholarship Program for future contacts with the schools.

The estimated burden is as follows:

| Form name                | Number of respondents | Responses per respondent | Hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Data Sheet .....         | 800                   | 1                        | 10 mins ....       | 134                |
| Verification Sheet ..... | 800                   | 1                        | 10 mins ....       | 134                |
| Contact Sheet .....      | 800                   | 1                        | 10 mins ....       | 134                |
| Total .....              | 2400                  | .....                    | .....              | 402                |

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following Federal advisory committee meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

*Name:* National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps

*Date and Time:* January 29, 2004; 5 p.m.-7 p.m. January 30, 2004; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. January 31, 2004; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. February 1, 2004; 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

*Place:* Sheraton Premier at Tysons Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia 22182, (703) 448-1234.

*Agenda:* The Council will be meeting in conjunction with the 2004 National Health Service Corps Placement Cycle Conference. This meeting will provide an opportunity to meet with program participants and gain greater understanding of the placement process.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study (ARIC)

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2003, pages 41591-41592, and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. 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:* The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study (ARIC). *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 0925-0281). *Need and Use of Information Collection:* This project involves annual follow-up by telephone of participants in the ARIC study, review of their medical records, and interviews with doctors and family to identify disease occurrence. Interviewers will contact doctors and hospitals to ascertain participants' cardiovascular events. Information gathered will be used to further describe the risk factors, occurrence rates, and consequences of cardiovascular disease in middle aged and older men and women. *Frequency of Response:* The participants will be contacted annually. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households: Businesses or other for profit; Small Businesses or organizations. *Type of Respondents:* Middle aged and elderly adults; doctors and staff of hospitals and nursing homes. The annual reporting burden is as follows: Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,640; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.0; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 0.1667; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 6,865. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$25,808, assuming respondents' time at the rate of \$16.50 per hour for family and patient respondents, and \$75 per hour for physicians. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

#### ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL HOUR BURDEN

| Type of response   | Number of respondents | Frequency of response | Average time per response | Annual hour burden |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Participant Follow-up .....                                | 13,050                | 1.0                   | 0.1667                    | 6,525              |
| Physician, hospital, nursing home staff <sup>1</sup> ..... | 180                   | 1.0                   | 0.2500                    | 135                |
| Participant's next-of-kin <sup>1</sup> .....               | 410                   | 1.0                   | 0.1667                    | 205                |
| Total .....  | 13,640                | 1.0                   | .....                     | 6,865              |

<sup>1</sup> Annual burden is placed on doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, and respondent relatives/informants through requests for information which will help in the compilation of the number and nature of new fatal and nonfatal events.