

Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

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 Projects 1. OCR Pre-grant Automation Project—New—The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has developed a standardized automated review format for the conduct of civil rights compliance investigations of health care providers who have requested certification to participate in the Medicare program. Health care providers requesting certification must review their policies/practices and submit material to demonstrate compliance with the civil rights requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, State, Local or Tribal Government; Annual Number of Respondents: 3,000; Frequency of Response: one time; Average Burden per Response: 16 hours; Annual Burden: 48,000 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: April 18, 2000.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Executive Subcommittee.

Time and Date: 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. EDT, May 9, 2000.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Conference Room 425A, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

Purpose: At this meeting, the Executive Subcommittee will discuss work plans for the year 2000, including future meetings, hearings, reports, and other projects. They will also begin to plan for a strategic planning retreat to be held later this year.

Notice: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Persons without a government identification card may need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where further information will be posted when available.

Dated: April 26, 2000.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), formerly known as the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency for Healthcare Research and

Quality (AHRQ) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow a proposed information collection project: "Development and Implementation of National guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) Evaluation". In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2000 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.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer at following address: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

In accordance with the above cited legislation, comments on the AHRQ information collection proposal are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia D. McMichael, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-3132.