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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: OPM 1530

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance of a revised information collection. OPM 1530, Report of Medical Examination of Person Electing Survivor Benefit Under the Civil Service Retirement System, is used to collect information regarding an annuitant's health so that OPM can determine whether the insurable interest survivor benefit election can be allowed.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 500 OPM forms 1530 will be completed annually. The form takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. The annual burden is 750 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, fax (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—Ronald W. Melton, Chief, Operation

Support Group, Center for Retirement and Insurance Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3349A, Washington, DC 20415-3540.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 30-10

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance of a revised information collection. RI 30-10, Disabled Dependent Questionnaire, is used to collect sufficient information about the medical condition and earning capacity for the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to be able to determine whether a disabled adult child is eligible for health benefits coverage and/or survivor annuity payments under the Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employees' Retirement System.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 2,500 RI 30-10 forms will be completed annually. The form takes approximately one hour to complete. The annual burden is 2,500 hours.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Extension of Deadline for New Plan Applications

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is extending the deadline for receipt of applications from high deductible health benefits plans wishing to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEHB regulation at 5 CFR 890.203(a) describes the application process and deadline for comprehensive medical plans (usually referred to as health maintenance organizations) wishing to participate in the FEHB Program. The regulation states that plans must submit their application and supporting documentation by January 31 "or another date specified by OPM."

For the contract year beginning January 1, 2005, OPM is extending this application deadline. OPM will consider applications received by June 1, 2004. Health plans wishing to apply should contact Bill Stuart at OPM at (202) 606-0737 or william.stuart@opm.gov as soon as possible. Prospective applicants interested in offering a high deductible health plan can find additional information relating to high deductible