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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 13⁷/₈% for the quarter ended June 30, 2000. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the

Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Projects

Interstate Control of Communicable Diseases—New—The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are planning to consolidate regulations related to controlling the spread of communicable diseases, thereby increasing their efficiency and effectiveness. Currently, the regulations contained in Part 1240 of Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, which pertain to interstate control of communicable diseases, are administered by FDA. Regulations to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases from foreign countries into the United States are separately promulgated in Part 71 of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations and are administered by the CDC. FDA is transferring to CDC certain sections of 21 CFR Part 1240 that relate to restrictions on interstate travel of any person who is in the communicable period of cholera, plague, smallpox, typhus, or yellow fever, or who, having been exposed to any such disease, is in the incubation period thereof.

Of the regulations being transferred, 21 CFR 1240.50 (Certain communicable diseases; special requirements), contains a requirement for reporting certain information to the Federal government. Specifically, this regulation requires any person who is in the communicable period of cholera, plague, smallpox, typhus or yellow fever, or who, having been exposed to any such disease, is in the incubation period thereof, to apply for and receive a permit from the Surgeon General or his authorized representative in order to travel from one State or possession to another.

Control of disease transmission within the States is considered to be the province of State and Local health authorities, with Federal assistance being sought by those authorities on a cooperative basis, without application of Federal regulations. The regulations formerly administered by FDA and being assumed by CDC were developed to facilitate Federal action in the event

of large outbreaks of disease requiring a coordinated effort involving several States, or in the event of inadequate local control. While it is not known whether, or to what extent, situations may arise in which these regulations would be invoked, contingency planning for domestic emergency preparedness is not uncommon. Should this occur, the reporting and record keeping requirements contained in the regulations will be used by CDC to carry out quarantine responsibilities as required by law.

Because of the uncertainty about whether a situation will ever arise precipitating CDC's enforcement of this rule, the following data collection burden estimate was prepared using the article Smallpox: An Attack Scenario, Tara O'Toole; Emerging Infectious Diseases, Vol. 5, No. 4, Jul-Aug 1999. This article describes the aftermath of a hypothetical domestic public health emergency situation involving smallpox virus. Of the potentially 15,000 persons infected with smallpox, the data collection assumes that one-fourth of these would apply for a permit to move from one state to another while in the communicable period of or having been exposed to smallpox, under the requirements set forth in 42 CFR 70.5. During such an event, it is assumed that an additional 2,000 persons not infected with smallpox may, as a precautionary measure, be required to obtain a State permit in order to move from one State to another, and that 8 States would be involved, under the requirements set forth in 42 CFR 70.3.

Further, it is assumed that during such an event, the master of a vessel or person in charge of a conveyance may be required to notify a local health authority of as many as 1,500 suspected cases of communicable disease developed and/or observed during transit, involving as many as 20 State or local jurisdictions, under the requirements set forth in 42 CFR 70.4.

In such a scenario, it would be likely that CDC would obtain for followup and analysis any information it requires to be delivered to a State or local health authority. Accordingly, an additional burden may be imposed upon said authority to copy and transmit that information. We assume that the burden would apply to 100% of the information submitted under both 42 CFR 70.3 and 42 CFR 70.4.

The annualized burden is estimated to be 3,600 hours.