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Attachment A: ACF Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Project

Participating State Public Assistance Agencies

1. Connecticut Department of Social Services
2. District of Columbia Department of Social Services
3. Florida Division of Public Assistance
4. Illinois Department of Public Aid
5. Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
6. Louisiana Department of Social Services
7. Maryland Department of Human Resources
8. Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
9. Nebraska Department of Social Services
10. New York Department of Social Services
11. North Carolina Department of Human Resources
12. Ohio Department of Human Services
13. Oklahoma Department of Human Services
14. Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
15. South Dakota Department of Social Services
16. Tennessee Department of Human Services
17. Texas Department of Human Services
18. Utah Department of Workforce Services and Department of Health
19. Virginia Department of Social Services

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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: New Collection;

Title of Information Collection:

Evaluation of Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Outreach Activities;

Form No.: HCFA-R-317 (OMB# 0938-NEW);

Use: State Medicaid and other State agencies that assist the Medicare population will be queried regarding specific outreach activities to Medicare beneficiaries that qualify for QMB-only and SLMB-only benefits. With this information, the effectiveness of specific outreach activities can then be evaluated. The results of the evaluation can be used to identify those outreach activities that are most cost effective. For effective outreach activities, the results can also be used to determine optimal levels of outreach efforts (e.g., expenditures).;

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government;

Number of Respondents: 51;

Total Annual Responses: 51;

Total Annual Hours: 102.

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, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the Information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. Due to an unanticipated event and the fact that this collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, we are requesting an emergency review.

In an effort to comply with OMB's terms of clearance, HCFA hired a contractor to conduct a study of issues raised by the ACR form in use at the time, and to develop recommendations to further reduce the workload needed to complete a new form. The project