

Proposed Project: Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant Program—Guidance and Forms for the Title V Application/Annual Report (OMB No. 0915-0172)—Revision

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) proposes to revise the *Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant Program—Guidance and Forms for the Application/Annual Report*. The guidance is used annually by the 50 States and 9 jurisdictions in making application for Block Grants under Title V of the Social Security Act, and in preparing the required annual report.

The proposed revisions follow and build on extensive consultation received from a Workgroup convened in 2002 to provide suggestions for improving the guidance and forms. The proposed revisions are editorial and technical revisions in nature, and are based on the experience of the States and jurisdictions using previous versions of the guidance. Changes include consolidating the narrative to reduce redundancy, and reducing the number of Health Status Indicators (HSI) required in the application/annual report.

In addition, HRSA proposes changing the format for electronic submission to

direct web entry. Web based data and text entry will provide for automatic calculation of ratios, rates, and percentages, carry data over year-to-year, and assure that data used in multiple tables are entered only once. It will also facilitate the orderly printing of tables, text, and required appendices.

The guidance used annually by the 50 States and 9 jurisdictions had a previous estimated burden of 358 hours. Based on the new revisions and more efficient electronic submission, the estimated burden has been reduced by 5% to 322 hours. The estimated response burden is as follows:

Type of form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Application and Annual Report, with needs assessment*:				
States	50	1	428	21,400
Jurisdictions	9	1	228	2,052
Application and Annual Report, without needs assessment*:				
States	50	1	313	15,658
Jurisdictions	9	1	126	1,134

* The Application and Annual Report, with needs assessment, will be submitted in FY 2005. The Application and Annual Report, without needs assessment, will be submitted in FY 2003 and FY 2004. The average annual total burden hours for the next three years is 19,007. The average annual burden per respondent 322 hours.

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Morrall, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection and Comment Request (OIG-319-N)

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General (OIG), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is publishing for public comment the following summary of proposed collection activities. Interested parties

are invited to send comments to the address indicated below regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including (1) the necessity and utility of proposed information collection for the proper performance of the OIG'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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Information Collection

Request: Reinstatement of an expired collection.

Title of Information Collection: State Medicaid Fraud Control Units' Recertification Application and Annual Report as required by 42 CFR 1007.15 and 1007.17. (Previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0990-0162.)

Use: The information contained in the annual reports and recertification application is required for certification and yearly recertification by the OIG to ensure that federal matching funds are only expended for allowable costs, and to determine if a state unit needs financial assistance.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State government.

Annual Number of Respondents: 48.

Total Annual Responses: 48.

Average Burden Per Response: 32 hours.

Total Annual Hours: 2,744 hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to John Bettac, Office of Investigations (jbettac@oig.hhs.gov), or call (202) 619-3557.

DATE: To assure consideration, public comments must be delivered to address provided below by no later than 5 p.m. on May 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collections should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: John Bettac, Room 5453, Cohen Building, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

We do not accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code OIG-319-N. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document in Room 5541 of the Office of Inspector General at 330 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Brian P. Carman,

Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Women's Health Initiative Observational Study

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, 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 September 20, 2002, page 59294 and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 39 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 current valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: Women's Health Initiative (WHI) Observational Study. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision: OMB No. 0925-0414, expiration date: 05/31/2003. *Need and*

Use of Information Collection: This study will be used by the NIH to evaluate risk factors for chronic disease among older women by developing and following a large cohort of postmenopausal women and relating subsequent disease development to baseline assessments of historical, physical, psychosocial, and physiologic characteristics. In addition, the observational study will complement the clinical trial (which has received clinical exemption) and provide additional information on the common causes of frailty, disability and death for postmenopausal women, namely, coronary heart disease, breast and colorectal cancer, and osteoporotic fractures. *Frequency of Response:* On occasion. *Affected Public:* Individuals and physicians. *Type of Respondents:* Women, next-of-kin, and physician's office staff. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
OS Participants	86,886	1.4084	0.17042	20,855
Next-of-kin	2,916	1	0.0835	243
Physician's Office Staff	43	1	0.0835	4
Total	89,845			21,102

The annualized cost burden to respondents is estimated at \$211,180. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated

public burden and associated response time, should be directed to: The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plan and instruments, contact: Dr. Linda Pottern, Project Officer, Women's Health Initiative Program Office, 6705 Rockledge Drive, 1 Rockledge Centre, Suite 300, MSC 7966, Bethesda, MD 20892-7966, or call (301) 402-2900 or E-mail your request, including your address to: Linda_Pottern@nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Jacques E. Rossouw,

Lead Project Officer, Women's Health Initiative.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request; Policies of Academic Institutions Regarding Tobacco Industry Research Funding

SUMMARY: Under the provision of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), 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 March 13, 2002, pages 11347 and 11348 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