

agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received April 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) TRICARE Management Activity, Skyline Five, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206, Attn: Ms. Gita Uppal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call Ms. Uppal, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity at (703) 681-0039. *Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* TRICARE Plus Enrollment Application, DD Form 2853 and TRICARE Plus Disenrollment Request, DD Form 2854; OMB Number 0720-0028.

Needs and Uses: These collected instruments serve as an application for enrollment and disenrollment in the Department of Defense's TRICARE Plus Health Plan established in accordance with Title 10 U.S.C. sections 1099 (which calls for a healthcare enrollment system) and 1086 (which authorizes TRICARE eligibility of Medicare Eligible Persons and has resulted in the development of a new enrollment option called TRICARE Plus) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Policy Memorandum to Establish the TRICARE Plus Program, June 22, 2001. The information collected hereby provides the TRICARE contractors with necessary data to determine beneficiary eligibility and to identify the selection of a health care option.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,933.

Number of Respondents: 25,065

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 7 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Collection

The Department of Defense established TRICARE Plus as an

enrollment option for persons who are eligible for care in Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) and not enrolled in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Plus provides an opportunity to enroll with a primary care provider at a specific MTF, to the extent capacity exists. This is a way to facilitate primary care appointments at an MTF when needed. TRICARE Plus enrollment will help MTFs maintain an adequate clinical case mix for Graduate Medical Education programs and support readiness-related medical skills sustainment activities. In order to carry out this program, it is necessary that certain beneficiaries electing to enroll/disenroll in TRICARE Plus complete an enrollment application/disenrollment request. Completion of the enrollment forms is an essential element of the TRICARE program. There is no lock-in and no enrollment fee for TRICARE Plus.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

Patricia Toppings,

Alternative OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 10, 2005.

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Part 239, Acquisition of Information Technology, and associated clauses at DFARS 252.39-7000 and 252.239-7006; OMB Control Number 0704-0341.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 424.

Responses Per Respondent:

Approximately 4.

Annual Responses: 1,571.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour (average).

Annual Burden Hours: 1,428.

Needs and Uses: This requirement provides for the collection of information from contractors regarding security of information technology; tariffs pertaining to telecommunications

services; and proposals from common carriers to perform special construction under contracts for telecommunications services. Contracting officers and other DoD personnel use the information to ensure that information systems are protected; to participate in the establishment of tariffs for telecommunications services; and to establish reasonable prices for special construction by common carriers.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Lewis Oleinick.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Oleinick at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings, WHS/ESCD/Information Management Division, 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202-4326.

Dated: January 31, 2005.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 10, 2005.

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), part 236, Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts, and associated clauses at 252.236; OMB Control Number 0704-0255.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 3,117.

Responses Per Respondent: Approximately 1.