

Children and Families, heads the Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget. The Office is organized as follows: Office of the Director (KTA), Division of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs (KTB), Division of Budget (KTC).

KT.20 Functions. A. The Office of the Director provides direction and executive leadership to the Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget in administering its responsibilities. It serves as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on all policy and programmatic matters which substantially impact on legislative affairs, budget development, budget execution and the regulatory agenda. It represents the Assistant Secretary on budget, policy and legislative matters and serves as the primary ACF contact for the Department, the Executive Branch and Congress on these activities.

B. The Division of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs serves as the focal point for congressional liaison in ACF; provides guidance to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and senior ACF staff on congressional activities and relations; manages the preparation of testimony and briefings for programmatic and budget-related hearings; negotiates clearance of testimony; monitors hearings and other congressional activities which affect ACF programs; and responds to congressional inquiries.

The Division manages the ACF legislative planning cycle and the development of Reports to Congress; reviews and analyzes a wide range of congressional policy documents including: legislative proposals, pending legislation, and bill reports; solicits and synthesizes internal ACF comments on such documents; negotiates legislative policy positions with the Department and the Executive Branch; and reviews other policy significant documents to ensure consistency with statutory and congressional intent and the agency legislative agenda.

The Division manages the ACF regulatory development process; negotiates regulatory policy positions with the Department and the Executive Branch; and provides guidance to ACF program and staff components on policy and programmatic matters related to the regulatory development process.

C. The Division of Budget manages the development and presentation of ACF's budget; provides guidance to ACF program and staff components in preparing material in support of budget development; provides guidance to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and senior program staff on

policy and programmatic matters which substantially impact the budget development process; monitors budget-related hearings and other congressional activities which affect the ACF budget; responds to congressional inquiries on the budget; and, negotiates budget issues with the Department and the Executive Branch.

The Division requests apportionments from OMB for appropriated funds and issues allotments to program and staff offices; manages internal ACF funds control; provides guidance to senior program staff and budget contacts in management of their program and administrative funds; and, assists in reconciling any discrepancies found in CORE accounting reports and data-flow reports.

The Division manages the preparation of a comprehensive administrative (salaries and expenses) budget for ACF; provides guidance to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and senior ACF staff on all aspects of the agency's administrative budget; provides guidance to ACF program and staff components in preparing material in support of the administrative budget and tracking and reconciling expenditures throughout the fiscal year to ensure appropriate fiscal accountability and prudent spending patterns.

The Division designs and develops budget estimating modes and procedures to project future program costs in order to influence decision-making regarding ACF program budgets and policy; evaluates on a continuing basis complex national budget issues to assess overall impact on immediate, foreseeable, and long-range program direction; provides guidance to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and senior ACF staff on budget forecasts for all major ACF programs; negotiates budget forecasting issues with the Department and the Executive Branch; and responds to Congressional Budget Office, Congressional Research Service and general congressional inquiries regarding ACF budget projections.

The Division reviews and analyzes other policy significant documents to ensure consistency with ACF's budget, vision and goals.

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Madeline Mocko,

Director, Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Health Insurance Common Claims Form and Supporting Regulations in 42 CAR 414.40, 424.32, and 424.44; *Form No.:* HCFA-1500, 1490U, and 1490S (OMB# 0938-0008); *Use:* This form is a standardized form for use in the Medicare/Medicaid programs to apply for reimbursement for covered services; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,321,417; *Total Annual Responses:* 717,876,097; *Total Annual Hours:* 44,460,460.

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 30 days of this notice directly to

the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 2050.

Dated: April 17, 2000.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA-R-312]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

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, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the 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: Conflict of Interest and Ownership and Control Information;

Form No.: HCFA-R-312 (OMB# 0938-NEW);

Use: This Conflict of Interest questionnaire is sent to all Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Carriers to collect full and complete information on any entity's or individual's ownership interest (defined as a 5 per centum or more) in an organization that may present a potential conflict of interest in their role as a Medicare FI or Carrier. The information gathered is used to ensure that all potential, apparent and actual conflicts of interest involving Medicare contracts are

appropriately mitigated and that employees of the contractors, including officers, directors, trustees and members of their immediate families, do not utilize their positions with the contractor for their own private business interest to the detriment of the Medicare program.;

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, and Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 42;

Total Annual Responses: 42;

Total Annual Hours: 126.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement 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 and phone number, 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 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 25, 2000.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Program Exclusions: April 2000

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of April 2000, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that

submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

Subject, City, State	Effective date
Program-Related Convictions	
Akpan, Adelia, Brooklyn, NY	05/18/2000
Andrickson, Eduardo, Flushing, NY	05/18/2000
Arcilla, Coleen Burke, Ronkonkoma, NY	05/18/2000
Arrillaga, Abenamar, White Deer, PA	05/18/2000
Askanazi, Jeffrey, Hudson, OH	05/18/2000
Balakrishna, Banga M., Bloomfield Hills, MI	05/18/2000
Beehm, William, Penfield, NY ..	05/18/2000
Berlin, Sanford, Tucson, AZ	05/18/2000
Blanchard, Douglas J., Orange Park, FL	05/18/2000
Boudreaux, Jeffrey D., Baton Rouge, LA	05/18/2000
Burnette, Barbara E., Boca Raton, FL	05/18/2000
Cornett, Marston, Hazard, KY ..	05/18/2000
Costa, Karen T., Northfield, NH ..	05/18/2000
Darty, Gwendolyn W., Mobile, AL	05/18/2000
Doble, Brook A., Shoreline, WA ..	05/18/2000
Dubovoy, Alexander, Mineola, NY	05/18/2000
Eastern Medical Billing, Inc., Lewisburg, PA	05/18/2000
Elk Transportation, Inc., Lewisburg, PA	05/18/2000
Fort, Daniel, Miami, FL	05/18/2000
Frazier, Jerry Lee, Sr., Harvey, LA	05/18/2000
Freitag, Joseph Harry, Denver, CO	05/18/2000
Fuller, Marie Rose, Medford, OR	05/18/2000
Garcia, Gerald H., Jr., Bisbee, AZ	05/18/2000
Gates, Eveline, Lafayette, NY ..	05/18/2000
Gomez, Francisco, Bronx, NY ..	05/18/2000
Harris, William H., Toledo, OH ..	05/18/2000
Hasan, Isa, Northville, MI	05/18/2000
Hurley, Samantha L., Daleville, IN	05/18/2000
Independence Ems, Inc., Lewisburg, PA	05/18/2000
Jarrell, Jay A., Chapel Hill, NC ..	05/18/2000
Kestel, Scott C., Ontario, OR ...	05/18/2000
Kirwan, Jonathan J., Penfield, NY	05/18/2000
Lenard, Kimberly, Oden, AR	05/18/2000
Leon, Jack, Vineland, NJ	05/18/2000
Leonard, Jonathan B., New York, NY	05/18/2000
Lunsford Wood, Juanita, Pine Bluff, AR	05/18/2000