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Dated: March 3, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DoD-2008-HA-0019]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a new information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 by May 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and or RIN number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other

submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD), TRICARE—Health Program Analysis and Evaluation, ATTN: Ms. Laura Johnson, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

Title and OMB Number: TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary (TDEFIC) Provider Satisfaction Survey, OMB Control Number 0720-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The survey Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS) is to administer is a contract requirement that the Government has accepted and paid for as part of the contract award. This survey is conducted on a monthly basis, and the sample will be drawn from all providers that have had a claim processed in the previous week and therefore is not limited to just Network Providers. WPS will use the survey to assess provider satisfaction, attitudes, and perceptions regarding the claims processing and customer services provided by WPS for the TDEFIC in order to improve internal operations and customer services to increase provider satisfaction.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Federal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 11,700.

Number of Respondents: 46,800.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: .25.

Frequency: Monthly.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The goal of this survey effort is to assess TRICARE Provider satisfaction, attitudes and perceptions regarding claims processing and customer services provided by Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS) under the TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract. This survey is part of the WPS proposal in order to meet Section C.7.7.9. of the TRICARE contract language which states that; "The contractor shall establish an approach for measuring whether the contractor's customer services are achieving highly satisfied TRICARE * * * providers. The methods and procedures shall include measurement, calculation and reporting provider satisfaction. The contractor

shall have established methods and procedures to mitigate any identify negative trends for provider satisfaction." The surveys will be used to monitor provider satisfaction and allow WPS the feedback needed to take action to improve their customer services and serve the provider better. The survey will be conducted monthly and reported to TRICARE Management Activity.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOD-2008-OS-0018]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed 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.

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