

Paper \$1.50 per claim

(b) Broad Network

Brand Discount 13% off AWP or U&C
Dispensing Fee \$2.50/Rx
Generic Discount AWP—33%
Dispensing Fee \$2.50/Rx

(c) Mail Order

Brand Discount 15% off AWP
Generic Discount 30% off AWP
Dispensing Fee \$2.00/Rx

9. The Custom Network consists of participating pharmacies who file claims electronically, while the Broad Network consists of all other pharmacies in SMCrx's network. In each network, the Plan receives a discount on the price of drugs. The SMCrx proposal provides the Plan with the highest savings off AWP. However, there are "paper" claims which are part of the Broad Network which must be processed by SMCrx. There is no mandatory formulary arrangement. A voluntary formulary arrangement exists where the Plan receives 60% of the manufacturer's rebate.

10. Plan participants and beneficiaries may acquire their prescription drugs through the PPN established by SMCrx. SMCrx will adjudicate prescription claims that have been submitted to the PPN by the covered individual and shall perform all claims-related processing functions, not limited to determining the validity and the accuracy of the claims submitted. SMCrx will then bill the Plan for the cost of these services, which is agreed to by contract. SMCrx will receive a monthly fee assessed on a per claim basis which will be paid for by the Plan. SMCrx's performance and competitiveness are monitored by the Plan's third party administrator, Labor Trust Services, Inc. (LTS), and the Plan's consultant Mercer. Both Mercer and LTS are independent of Safeway.

11. The Plan benefits by: (a) Receiving discounts through the participating pharmacies; (b) receiving discounts from any participating pharmaceutical company or manufacturer in the form of lower costs to participants and beneficiaries; (c) the processing and review of claims by professional management; and (d) the submissions of reports regarding trends in the pharmaceutical/prescription industry.

The applicant represents that at least 50% of the preferred providers participating in the PPN are, and will continue to be, unrelated to Safeway or any other party in interest. All Plan decisions to enter into agreements governing the subject purchases of prescription drugs have been and will continue to be made by Plan fiduciaries that are independent of Safeway and

SMCrX. In this regard, any fiduciary affiliated with Safeway or SMCrx has removed or will remove himself or herself from all consideration by the Plan as to whether to engage in the covered transactions. Finally, the applicant states that the subject transactions are not part of an agreement, arrangement or understanding designed to benefit a party in interest.

12. In summary, the applicant represents that the subject transactions satisfy the criteria contained in section 408(a) of the Act because: (a) The terms of the transactions are at least as favorable to the Plan as those the Plan could obtain in similar transactions with an unrelated party; (b) any decision by the Plan to enter into agreements governing the subject purchases will be made by Plan fiduciaries independent of Safeway and SMCrx; (c) at least 50% of the preferred providers participating in the PPN are unrelated to Safeway or any other party in interest; (d) Safeway will be treated no differently than any other pharmacy participating in the PPN; and (e) the transactions are not part of an agreement, arrangement or understanding designed to benefit a party in interest.

For Further Information Contact: Gary H. Lefkowitz of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest or disqualified person from certain other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which, among other things, require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(b) of the Act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) Before an exemption may be granted under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, the Department must find that the exemption is administratively feasible,

in the interests of the plan and of its participants and beneficiaries, and protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of the plan;

(3) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(4) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application are true and complete, and that each application accurately describes all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of October, 2001.

Ivan Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,
Department of Labor.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (01-135)]

Agency Information Collection Activity; OMB Review

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of agency report forms under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This collection is required to document changes to NASA contracts and ensure that they are made quickly and in a cost-effective manner. **DATES:** All comments should be submitted on or before December 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. Paul Brundage, Code HK, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Title: Contract Modifications, NASA FAR Supplement Part 18-43.

OMB Number: 2700-0054.

Type of review: Extension.

Need and Uses: NASA procurement and technical personnel use the information obtained by this collection to manage each contract, and to ensure that the Agency can obtain the best goods and services at the best prices.

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

Number of Respondents: 88.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 176.

Hours Per Request: 45.

Annual Burden Hours: 7,920.

Frequency of Report: On occasion.

David B. Nelson,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[01-133]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of agency report forms under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This collection provides NASA with information necessary for the effective management of government property.

DATES: All comments should be submitted on or before December 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. Phillip Smith, Code BFZ, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Title: NASA Property in the Custody of Contractors.

OMB Number: 2700-0017.

Type of review: Extension.

Need and Uses: NASA is required to account for Government-owned/contractor-held property in accordance with SFFAS #6. NASA Form 1018 provides for the annual collection of summary data from these records to ensure the accurate reflection of Agency assets and related depreciation on the financial statements and essential property management information.

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

Number of Respondents: 860.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1.

Hours Per Request: 8.

Annual Burden Hours: 7000.

Frequency of Report: Annually.

David B. Nelson,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[01-132]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of agency report forms under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This information collection is used by NASA contracting officers to ensure that projected contract cost savings are being realized.

DATES: All comments should be submitted on or before November 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. Paul Brundage, Code HK, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Title: Cost Reduction Proposals under the NASA FAR Supplement Shared Savings Clause.

OMB Number: 2700-0094.

Type of review: Extension.

Need and Uses: This program provides an incentive for contractors to propose and implement, with NASA approval, significant cost reduction initiatives on current and follow-on contracts.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 9.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.25.

Annual Responses: 11.25.

Hours Per Request: 45.

Annual Burden Hours: 506.

Frequency of Report: On occasion.

David B. Nelson,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[01-131]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of agency report forms under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). The financial recordkeeping information and reports obtained through this collection are used by NASA to ensure proper accountability for and use of NASA-provided funds.

DATES: All comments should be submitted on or before November 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. Paul Brundage, Code HK, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Title: Financial Monitoring and Control, Grants.

OMB Number: 2700-0049.

Type of review: Extension.