

final updated hospital market basket used for the Medicare PPS for all hospitals subject to the TRICARE DRG-based payment system according to CMS' August 27, 2009, final rule. For Fiscal Year 2010, the market basket is 2.1 percent.

E. Outlier Payments

Since TRICARE does not include capital payments in our DRG-based payments (TRICARE reimburses hospitals for their capital costs as reported annually to the contractor on a pass-through basis), we will use the fixed-loss cost-outlier threshold calculated by CMS for paying cost outliers in the absence of capital prospective payments. For Fiscal Year 2010, the fixed-loss cost-outlier threshold is based on the sum of the applicable DRG-based payment rate plus any amounts payable for Indirect Medical Education (IDME) plus a fixed-dollar amount. Thus, for Fiscal Year 2010, in order for a case to qualify for cost outlier payments, the costs must exceed the TRICARE DRG base payment rate (wage adjusted) for the DRG plus the IDME payment plus \$21,358 (wage adjusted). The marginal cost factor for cost outliers continues to be 80 percent.

F. National Operating Standard Cost as a Share of Total Costs

The Fiscal Year 2010 TRICARE National Operating Standard Cost as a Share of Total Costs (NOSCASTC) used in calculating the cost outlier threshold is 0.923. TRICARE uses the same methodology as CMS for calculating the NOSCASTC; however, the variables are different because TRICARE uses national cost to charge ratios while CMS uses hospital-specific cost-to-charge ratios.

G. Indirect Medical Education (IDME) Adjustment

Passage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 modified the formula multipliers to be used in the calculation of the indirect medical education IDME adjustment factor. Since the IDME formula used by TRICARE does not include disproportionate share hospitals (DSHs), the variables in the formula are different than Medicare's; however, the percentage reductions that will be applied to Medicare's formula will also be applied to the TRICARE IDME formula. The new multiplier for the IDME adjustment factor for TRICARE for Fiscal Year 2010 is 1.02.

H. Expansion of the Post-Acute-Care Transfer Policy

For Fiscal Year 2010 TRICARE is adopting CMS' expanded post-acute-care transfer policy according to CMS' final rule published August 27, 2009.

I. Blood Clotting Factor

For Fiscal Year 2010, TRICARE is adopting CMS' payment methodology for blood clotting factor according to CMS' final rule published August 18, 2006.

J. Cost-to-Charge Ratio

While CMS uses hospital-specific cost-to-charge ratios, TRICARE uses a national cost-to-charge ratio. For Fiscal Year 2010, the cost-to-charge ratio used for the TRICARE DRG-based payment system for acute care hospitals and neonates will be 0.3740. This shall be used to calculate the adjusted standardized amounts and to calculate cost outlier payments, except for children's hospitals. For children's hospital cost outliers, the cost-to-charge ratio used is 0.4047.

K. Updated Rates and Weights

The updated rates and weights are accessible through the Internet at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> under the sequential headings TRICARE Provider Information, Rates and Reimbursements, and DRG Information. Table 1 provides the ASA rates and Table 2 provides the DRG weights to be used under the TRICARE DRG-based payment system during Fiscal Year 2010. The implementing regulations for the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system are in 32 CFR part 199.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket No. USA-2009-0018]

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 November 2, 2009.

Title, Form and OMB Number: Terminal and Transfer Facilities Descriptions, IWR Forms 1-9; OMB Control Number 0710-0007.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 1,262.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,262.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 316.

Needs and Uses: Data gathered and published as one of the 56 Port Series Reports, relating to terminals, transfer facilities, storage facilities, and intermodal transportation. This information is used in navigation, planning, safety, National security, emergency operations, and general interest studies and activities. Respondents are terminal and transfer facility operators. These data are essential to the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center in Exercising their enforcement and quality control responsibilities in the collection of data from vessel reporting companies.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal government; and State, Local or Tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Jim Laity.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Laity at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title 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://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: September 21, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF-2009-0022]

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 November 2, 2009.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Air Force Recruiting Information Support System (AFRISS); OMB control number 0701-0150.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 3,100.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 3,100.

Average Burden per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,033.

Needs and Uses: Air Force Recruiting Service requires the collection of specific information on prospective Air Force enlistees (prospective Air Force enlistees include Active, Guard, and Reserve) entering the Air Force. The information is used to create the initial personnel record, prescreen and qualify enlistees fit for service and ultimately induction. The information is also collected to process security clearances and to record metrics to be used for demographics/market research and system performance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title 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://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: September 21, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket No. USA-2009-0019]

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 November 2, 2009.

Title, Form and OMB Number: Lock Performance Monitoring System (LMPS); Waterway Traffic Report, ENG FORMS 3102C and 3102D; OMB Control Number 0710-0008.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 5,132.

Responses per Respondent: 98.31.

Annual Responses: 504,527.

Average Burden per Response: 2.5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 21,022.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers utilizes the data collected to monitor and analyze the use and operation of Federally owned and operated locks; owners, agents and masters of vessels and estimated

tonnage and commodities carried. The information is used for sizing and scheduling replacement or maintenance of locks and canals.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Jim Laity.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Laity at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title 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://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act