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**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

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

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.

Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

**Proposed Project: Needs Assessment of the Black Lung Clinics Program: New**

The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is planning to conduct a needs assessment of the Black Lung Clinics Program. The purpose of this study is to obtain data about the Black Lung Clinic Program grantees/sites and the services they provide to active and retired coal miners. The study consists of two sections: (1) a written and telephone survey of the site Program Coordinators about the patients and the services they provide, as well as services that patients would like to receive, but which are not available; and, (2) a measurement of the costs associated with delivering requisite

services to this population for whom data will be obtained from secondary sources. The data collected will provide policymakers with a better understanding of the resources needed to continue to support and expand the program. The assessment will provide new information about the organization, financing, and delivery of services to active and retired coal miners in Black Lung Clinic Programs.

Data from the survey and costing will provide quantitative information about the programs, specifically: (a) The characteristics of the patients they serve, (b) the organization components of the program, (c) the scope of services provided, (d) the costs and resources necessary to implement the program, (e) outreach services available, and (f) key unmet needs. This assessment will provide data useful to the program and will enable HRSA to provide data required by Congress under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993.

The estimated burden is as follows:

Form name	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Survey .....	52	1	8.5	442

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Morrall, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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**Jane M. Harrison,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Recruitment of Sites for Assignment of Commissioned Officers**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted from organized primary health

care sites that provide services to underserved populations in the neediest Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) throughout the Nation that are interested in receiving an assignment of one of forty (40) PHS commissioned officers. The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) will pay the salaries, moving expenses and benefits for 40 commissioned officers who will be part of a mobile cadre of health care professionals. These commissioned officers will provide services to patients at their assigned practice sites and may be called upon to respond to regional and/or national health emergencies. The NHSC will assist the officers in acquiring, maintaining and enhancing emergency response skills. The initial assignments will be no longer than three years in duration. Thirty-six of these commissioned officers will be family practice physicians and four will be dentists.

**Eligible Applicants**

To be eligible to receive the assignment of one of the forty commissioned officers, public and nonprofit private entities must: (1) meet the standard requirements to be approved as an NHSC site (see sections 333 and 333A of the Public Health

Service Act) and (2) submit a completed Proposal for Use of a Commissioned Officer 2002 form.

All entities that receive the assignment of NHSC personnel must enter into an agreement with the State agency that administers Medicaid, accept assignment of Medicare, see all patients regardless of their ability to pay and use and post a discounted fee plan. In addition, entities must understand that if they receive the assignment of one of these forty commissioned officers, that officer will be away from the practice site for up to 4 weeks per year for training and may be away from the site for an additional period of time to respond to a regional or national health emergency.

**Evaluation and Selection Process**

For those entities which meet the standard requirements to be approved as an NHSC site, the NHSC will evaluate and score their Proposals for Use of a Commissioned Officer, looking at the health care needs of the HPSA to be served, the entity's proposed utilization of the commissioned officer to meet those needs, the entity's plan for evaluating that officer's progress toward meeting those needs, and the budget resources available to meet those needs.