

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Proposed Projects 1. Assessment of State Laws, Regulations, and Practice Affecting the Collection and Reporting of Racial and Ethnic Data by Health Insurers and Managed Care Plans—NEW—One of the overarching

goals of Healthy People 2010 is the elimination of health disparities, including those associated with race and ethnicity. The lack of data is a barrier to performance measurement for this goal. Therefore, the Office of Minority Health is proposing a study which will examine States' laws and policies concerning the collection and use of racial and ethnic data by health insurers and managed care plans. The study involves visits to 13 States for an in-depth look at their policies and practices, interviews with State officials and representatives of the States' major managed care plans and health insurance industry, and focus groups with consumer and civil right organizations. Respondents: State or local governments; businesses or other for-profit; non-profit institutions.

**BURDEN INFORMATION**

| Instrument                          | Number of respondents | Hours per response | Total burden hours |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Administrator Interview Guide ..... | 78                    | 4                  | 312                |
| Consumer Focus Group .....          | 130                   | 2                  | 260                |
| Total .....                         |                       |                    | 572                |

Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: May 22, 2001.

**Kerry Weems,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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administrative simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The Committee also will be briefed by HHS staff on a number of additional data policy activities including quality of care for racial and ethnic minorities and the implementation of OMB federal data standards on race and ethnicity. The Committee will review reports in progress including the report from the Subcommittee on Populations on functional status data, and Subcommittees will hold working sessions in the afternoon. There will also be Subcommittee sessions early in the morning of the second day. Day two of the full Committee meeting will feature a briefing on the HHS Patient Safety Task Force, the National Quality Forum and the National Quality Report from the Institute of Medicine. The afternoon agenda begins with a briefing on the status of the Centers for Disease Control's National Electronic Data Surveillance System (NEDSS). The remainder of the afternoon's agenda will be devoted to Committee business including reports from the Subcommittees and planning future agendas.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>,

where further information including an agenda may be posted when available.

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**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

*Time and Date:*

June 27, 2001—9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

June 28, 2001—10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

*Place:* Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 898-9000.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* At this meeting the Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics. On the first day an update from HHS has been scheduled on the implementation of the

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**Administration for Children and Families**

**Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

This notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Chapter KB, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), as last amended on August 27, 1991 [56 FR 42332], December 8, 1997 [62 FR 64592] and October 6, 1999 [63 FR 58742] is being reorganized to move the Office of State Systems from the Office of the Commissioner and place it in the Children's Bureau as a new Division and to establish a third Division within the Head Start Bureau. In addition, this