

minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection:

Title of Information Collection:

Information Collection Requirements Contained in BPD-393, Examination and Treatment for Emergency Medical Conditions and Women in Labor;

Form No.: HCFA-R-142;

Use: BPD-393 contains information collection requirements for hospitals that would seek to prevent them from inappropriately transferring individuals with emergency medical conditions, as mandated by Congress. HCFA will use this information to help assure compliance with this mandate. This information is not contained elsewhere in regulations.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government;

Number of Respondents: 7,000;

Total Annual Responses: 7,000;

Total Annual Hours Requested:

8,818,577.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Attention: Louis Blank, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: January 25, 1996.

Kathleen B. Larson,

Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources.

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Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection:

Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summaries of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send

comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired;

Title of Information Collection:

Hospice Core Service: Nursing Information Collection;

Form No.: HCFA-R-66;

Use: Hospices applying for a waiver to the nursing core services requirements must submit documentation to HCFA supporting their request.

Frequency: Other, one time only;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutes;

Number of Respondents: 1;

Total Annual Responses: 1;

Total Annual Hours Requested: 1.

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Dated: February 2, 1996.

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Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection:

Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Home Office Cost Statement;

Form No.: HCFA 287;

Use: Medicare law permits components of chain organizations to be reimbursed for certain costs incurred by the Home Offices of the chain. The Home Office Cost Statement is required by the fiscal intermediary to verify Home Office Costs claimed by the components.

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 1,231;

Total Annual Responses: 1,231;

Total Annual Hours Requested: 573,646.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Attention: Louis Blank, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: February 5, 1996.

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Submitted for Collection of Public Comment: Submission for OMB Review

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired;

Title of Information Collection: State Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control Sampling Plan;

Form No.: HCFA-317;

Use: The State MEQC sampling plan is necessary for HCFA to monitor the States' operation of the MEQC system. The sampling plan includes all data involved in the States' sample selection process—population sizes and sample frame lists, sample sizes, sample selection procedures, and claims collection procedures;

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government;

Number of Respondents: 55;

Total Annual Responses: 110;

Total Annual Hours: 2,640.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Attention: Linda Mansfield, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: February 5, 1996.

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National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

The inventions listed below are owned by agencies of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

ADDRESSES: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by contacting Robert Benson, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804 (telephone 301/496-7056 ext. 267; fax 301/402-0220). A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

Attenuated Human Rotavirus Vaccine

Hoshino, Y., Kapikian, A.Z., and Chanock, R.M. (NIAID)
Filed 11 July 95 (priority to 11 Jul 94)
Serial No. 08/500,564 (CIP of 08/481,644)

Rotaviruses are recognized as the single most important etiologic agent of severe diarrhea in both developed and nondeveloped countries. This invention embodies an attenuated rotavirus as a vaccine. The claims of the invention relate to the generation of a cold-adapted virus that is not efficient in replication at normal human body temperatures and therefore may be capable of stimulating an immune response without causing illness. In a limited clinical trial, administration of a cold-adapted rotavirus vaccine to 26 adults demonstrated that the vaccine was safe, attenuated, and was capable of inducing a virus-specific serologic response. This invention has been PCT filed on July 11, 1995. (portfolio: Infectious Diseases—Vaccines, viral, non-AIDS)

Method for Generating Influenza A Viruses Bearing Attenuating Mutations in Internal Protein Genes

Murphy, B., Subbarao, K.E., Kawaoka, Y. (NIAID)
Filed 7 Jun 95
Serial No. 08/481,631 (CIP of 08/309,521, CIP of 08/123,933)

This invention describes a method of producing attenuated Influenza A strains for use as live Influenza A virus vaccine candidates. This method involves the introduction of three temperature-sensitive attenuating mutations into the polymerase basic protein 2 (PB2) gene of Influenza A virus. These mutations are introduced by site-directed mutagenesis at specific sites into a cDNA copy of the PB2 gene. An RNA transcript of this mutant PB2 gene is recovered into an infectious Influenza A virus using a host range restricted helper virus. This attenuating mutant PB2 gene can be transferred to each new variant of Influenza A virus as it appears in nature. The patent application covering this invention is available for licensing and contains claims to: The methods of producing the attenuated strains; the attenuated strains produced by the methods; and methods of vaccination using the attenuated strains. Viruses containing mutant PB2 genes are also available for licensing. (portfolio: Infectious Diseases—Vaccines, viral, non-AIDS)

Attenuated Influenza A Virus

Palese, P., Muster, T., Murphy, B.R., Enami, M., Bergmann, M., Subbarao, E.K., Chanock, R.M. (NIAID)
Filed 7 Jun 95 (priority to 3 Feb 92)
Serial No. 08/480,939 (FWC of 07/939,716)

This invention describes the development of a novel live attenuated influenza A virus for use in intranasal vaccines. This virus is unique in that it is a chimera of two influenza strains. This results in an attenuated virus capable of invoking an immune response and therefore protection against influenza. The claims of this invention cover a method for generating the attenuated influenza virus, introducing the viral construct into cell lines, and vaccinating a vertebrate with the attenuated virus. Animal studies have demonstrated that infection with the chimeric virus leads to resistance to a challenge with wild-type virus. (portfolio: Infectious Diseases—Vaccines, viral, non-AIDS)

Pteridine Nucleotide Analogs as Fluorescent DNA Probes

Hawkins, M.E., Pfeleiderer, W., Davis, M.D., Balis, F.M. (NCI)