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Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 summary 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 a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; Title of Information Collection: Corrective Action Plan (Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control); Form No.: HCFA–320; Use: Medicaid eligibility quality control (MEQC) is a State-administered system designed to improve the management of the Medicaid program and reduce the level of misspent Medicaid funds. Each month, States select a sample of Medicaid cases from their inventory of eligible cases and conduct QC reviews to determine the accuracy of the eligibility determinations. This Corrective Action Plan allows HCFA to determine the types of corrective actions used by States. Sound and effective corrective actions used by one State to correct causes of errors and reduce erroneous Medicaid payments are shared with other States experiencing the same types of error-causing problems. Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government; Number of Respondents: 58; Total Annual Responses: 786; Total Annual Hours: 20,400.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: John Rudolph, Room C2–26–17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: December 2, 1997

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1. Program Characteristics:
   - Objectives, design, and direction of the research training program—
     including the probability of achieving stated goals.
   - Substantive and methodological content of the proposed program and its
     relevance to the Program Objectives noted above, including relevant
     descriptions of courses and experiential opportunities offered and/or required.
   - The extent to which proposed approaches address areas in need of
     research given changes in the health care delivery system.

2. Program Support and Organizational Structure and Plans
   - The institutional training environment, including the level of
     institutional commitment, quality of the facilities, availability of appropriate
     courses, and availability of research support.
   - Caliber of preceptors as researchers, including successful research support;
   - Organizational structure of the proposed training program, including
     delineation of administrative responsibilities for planning, oversight, and evaluation.
   - Demonstration of cooperation by any proposed collaborating facilities,
     institutions, or departments in providing research experiences and/or
     sites for trainees, including (where applicable) documentation of
     mechanisms by which trainees will be integrated into the ongoing primary
     medical care research activities of other entities.
   - When appropriate, the concomitant research training of health-professional
     postdoctorates (e.g., individuals with the M.D., D.O., D.D.S./D.M.D., etc.)
     with basic science postdoctorates (e.g., individuals with a Ph.D., etc.) or
     linkages with basic science department.
   - Demonstration of extent to which and how HRSA support will be
     leveraged through the use of other Federal and private resources to maximize primary medical
     medical care research training within the institution.
   - Availability of other relevant support.

3. Trainee Recruitment & Retention Plans
   - Recruitment and selection plans for trainees and the availability of high-
     quality candidates, including minority trainees (see below for details).
   - Demonstrated ability of proposed training program in retaining
     health-professional postdoctoral trainees for at least 2 years in research
     training or other research activities.

4. Program Record and Evaluation Plans
   - Past research training record of both the program and the designated
     preceptors as determined by the success of former trainees in seeking further
     career development and in establishing productive scientific careers. Evidence of
     further career development can include receipt of fellowships, career
     awards, a prestigious training appointment, and similar accomplishments. Evidence of
     a productive scientific career can include a record of successful competition for
     individual research grants, receipt of special honors, a record of publications,
     receipt of patents, promotion to prestigious positions in academe, industry,
     or health policy and any other appropriate measure of success consistent with the nature and duration
     of the training received.
   - Record of the research training program in recruiting and retaining trainees, noting past annual success
     rates in filling committed slots.
   - Proposed methods for monitoring and evaluating performance of trainees and
     the overall program, record of trainees in obtaining individual research awards
     or fellowships following training, and in establishing careers in primary medical care research.

5. Budget
   - Reasonableness of the proposed budget, including number and levels of
     trainees, in relation to the research training.
   - For additional information, please contact: Enrique Fernandez, M.D.,
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     Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 9A-20, 5600 Fishers
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Final Review Criterion for Grants for Primary Care Training Programs for Fiscal Year 1998

Grants for Primary Care Training programs are authorized under sections
747(a) and (b), 748, 750 and 751, title VII of the Public Health Service Act, as
amended by the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102-408, dated October
13, 1992. These grant programs include:

- Grants for Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine
- Grants for Faculty Development in Family Medicine
- Grants for Graduate Training in Family Medicine
- Grants for Establishment of Departments of Family Medicine
- Grants for Residency Training in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics
- Grants for Faculty Development in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics
- Grants for Physician Assistant Training
- Grants for Podiatric Primary Care Residency Training

A notice was published in the Federal Register at 62 FR 46502 on September 3, 1997, for a review criterion for the
above-referenced programs. No comments were received within the 30
day comment period. Therefore, the review criterion remains as proposed.

Final Review Criterion

The following criterion has been added to the existing review criteria
established in 61 FR 52034 on October 4, 1996:

5. Project impact/influence in shaping the curriculum, program, department, institution and the community.

The review criterion is finalized in this combined notice, rather than
individual program announcements, to provide consistent review of all primary care medical education grant
applications.

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National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; List of Petitions Received

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.