

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award's Board of Overseers**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Thursday, December 3, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Board of Overseers consists of twelve members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of the meeting on December 3, 1998, will be for the Board of Overseers to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) with the chairperson of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, a discussion of pilot on site with oral feedback, proposed to create previous winners categories, and to present recommendations to the NIST Director.

DATES: The meeting will convene December 3, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on December 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room (seating capacity 36, includes 24 participants), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, November 19, 1998 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410 B/C, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: November 9, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed extension of 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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received January 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to Tricare Management Activity, Office of General Counsel, 16401 E. Centretch Parkway, Attn: Robert Shepherd, Aurora, CO 80011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call Tricare Management Activity, Office of General Counsel at (303) 676-3703.

Title Associated With Form, and OMB Number: Statement of Personal Injury—Possible Third Party Liability Champus, DD Form 2527, OMB Number 0720-0003.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is completed by CHAMPUS beneficiaries suffering from personal injuries and receiving medical care at Government expense. The information is necessary in the assertion of the Government's right to recovery under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act. The data is used in the evaluation and processing of these claims.

Affected Public: Individuals or household, Federal government.

Annual Burden Hours: 17,300.

Number of Respondents: 29,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 35 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion, only when a beneficiary is insured under circumstances creating possible liability in a third party.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

The Federal Medical Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651-2653 as implemented by Executive Order No. 11060 and 28 C.F.R. 43 provides for recovery of the reasonable value of medical care provided by the United States to a person who is injured or suffers a disease under circumstances creating tort liability in some third person. DD Form 2527 is required for investigating and asserting claims in favor of the United States arising out of such incidents.

When a claim for CHAMPUS benefits is identified as involving possible third party liability and the information is not submitted with the claim, TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractor requests that the injured party (or a designee) complete DD Form 2527. To protect the interests of the Government, the contractor suspends claims processing until the requested third party liability information is received. The contractor conducts a preliminary evaluation based upon the collection of information and refers the case to a designated appropriate legal officer of the Uniformed Services. The responsible Uniformed Services legal officer uses the information as a basis for asserting and settling the Government's claim. When appropriate, the information is

forwarded to the Department of Justice as the basis for litigation.

Section 1 of the Form is used to collect general information, such as name, address and telephone numbers about the military sponsor and the injured beneficiary.

Section 2 of the Form allows the injured beneficiary to explain in his or her own words how the injury occurred. This allows the beneficiary to explain that he or she was not injured in an accident or that no third party was responsible. If either of these conditions exist, the beneficiary does not have to complete the rest of the form.

Section 3 of the Form is used to collect information about accidents that do not involve motor vehicles. Information such as location, time, date, property owner's name and address and the names and addresses of persons involved or witnesses is collected in this section of the form. Other information relating to police investigations, other injured family members, whether the accident was work related and insurance coverage is also collected.

Section 4 of the Form is used to collect information about motor vehicle accidents. Most of the investigations for possible third party liability involve motor vehicle accidents. A beneficiary must attach a copy of the official police report to the form. Additional information not usually included in police reports is entered in Section 4, including information about insurance coverage of the parties, and whether the accident was work related is collected.

Section 5 of the Form is used for miscellaneous information such as possible medical treatment in a Government hospital, the name and address of the beneficiary's attorney, and information regarding any possible releases or settlements with another party to the accident.

Section 6 of the Form contains the certification, date and signature of the beneficiary (or a designee).

Dated: November 6, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs/ TRI CARE Management Office), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) announces the following proposed new collection for the DD Forms, "Loan Verification Form," a public information collection and seeks public comment for the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions to the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), ATTN: Lieutenant Commander Steven Griffiths, Tri Care Management Activity, 555 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 220441.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 681-1740.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: "Loan Information and Verification Form," DD Form, OMB Control Number:

Needs and Uses: Title 10, USC, requires applicants to submit this form, to their Service representative, prior to participation in the Health Loan Repayment Program (HPLR). Lenders will verify the data submitted and respond back to the Service Representative. All loans must meet federal standards and be approved by the

Department Finance and Accounting office prior to disbursement of funds.

Affected Public: City, County, State and Federal lending Agencies, Banks, and other financial lending agencies. Normally, this form would be completed by the applicant and submitted to the Service for financial disbursement of funds under the Health Loan Repayment Program.

Annual Burden Hours: 175.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 min.

Frequency: On application for the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This information collected provides the Armed Services with the exact loan debits and the loan agency. The DD Form is the method of collecting and verifying outstanding loans for applicant's within the Health Loan Repayment Program. This DoD Form will be considered the official request for obtaining loans data on HPLR applicants.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of extension of cancer treatment clinical trials demonstration project.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a one-year extension of a demonstration project in which the DoD provides CHAMPUS reimbursement for eligible beneficiaries who receive cancer treatment under approved National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute (NCI) clinical trials. Participation in these clinical trials will improve access to promising cancer therapies for CHAMPUS eligible beneficiaries when their conditions meet protocol eligibility criteria. DoD financing of these procedures will assist in meeting clinical trial goals and arrival at conclusions regarding the safety and efficacy of emerging therapies in the treatment of cancer. At this time, there