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**Proposed Project: Project to Assess Ethnicity/Race and Services to Bi/Multilingual Populations in Community and Migrant Health Centers—NEW**

The Office of Minority and Women's Health (OMWH) in the Bureau of

Primary Health Care (BPHC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), recognizes that full understanding of the ethnicity of clients and providers and the provision of language appropriate services are vital to guaranteeing full and effective health care. OMWH proposes to conduct a voluntary survey, the purpose of which will be two-fold: (1) To obtain detailed data on the ethnic/racial composition of health center users and providers; and (2) to collect information about the composition and provision of bi/multilingual services. This information will be collected from a sample of approximately 150 health centers.

These data will provide HRSA with information which will be used to make resource and staffing decisions related to reducing barriers to health care often faced by ethnic/racial minorities and by non- or limited-English-speaking populations.

The burden estimate for this project is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Survey .....	150	1	150	2	300

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of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project: Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) Program and Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program Administrative Requirements (Regulations and Policy) (OMB No. 0915-0047)—Extension**

The regulations for the Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) Program and Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program contain a number of reporting and recordkeeping requirements for schools and loan applicants. The requirements are essential for assuring that borrowers are aware of rights and responsibilities, that schools know the history and status of each loan account, that schools pursue aggressive collection efforts to reduce default rates, and that they maintain adequate records for audit and assessment purposes. Schools are free to use improved information technology to manage the information required by the regulations.

The burden estimate is as follows:

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory/section requirements	Number of recordkeepers	Hours per year	Total burden hours
<b>HPSL Program:</b>			
57.206(b)(2), Documentation of Cost of Attendance .....	281	1.17	329
57.208(a), Promissory Note .....	281	1.25	351
57.210(b)(1)(i), Documentation of Entrance Interview .....	281	1.25	351
57.210(b)(1)(ii), Documentation of Exit Interview .....	*307	0.33	101
57.215(a)&(d), Program Records .....	*307	10.	3,070
57.215(b), Student Records .....	*307	10.	3,070
57.215(c), Repayment Records .....	*307	18.75	5,756
HPSL Subtotal .....	307	.....	13,028
<b>NSL Program:</b>			
57.306(b)(2)(ii), Documentation of Cost of Attendance .....	382	0.3	115
57.308(a), Promissory Note .....	382	0.5	191
57.310(b)(1)(i), Documentation of Entrance Interview .....	382	0.5	191
57.310(b)(1)(ii), Documentation of Exit Interview .....	*814	0.17	138
57.315(a)(1)&(a)(4), Program Records .....	*814	5.	4,070
57.315(a)(2), Student Records .....	*814	1.	814
57.315(a)(3), Repayment Records .....	*814	2.5	2,035
NSL Subtotal .....	814	.....	7,554

\*Includes active and closing schools.

Reporting Requirements

Regulatory/section requirements	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hour burden
<b>HPSL Program:</b>					
57.205(a)(2), Excess Cash .....			[Burden included under 0915-0044 and 0915-0046]		
57.206(a)(2), Student Financial Aid Transcript .....	5,000	1.	5,000	0.25	1,250
57.208(c), Loan Information Disclosure .....	281	74.73	21,000	0.0833	1,749
57.210(a)(3) Deferment Eligibility .....			[Burden included under 0915-0044]		
57.210(b)(1)(i), Entrance Interview .....	281	74.73	21,000	0.167	3,507
57.210(b)(1)(ii), Exit Interview .....	*307	16.28	5,000	0.5	2,500
57.210(b)(1)(iii), Notification of Repayment .....	*307	35.83	11,000	0.167	1,837
57.210(b)(1)(iv), Notification During Deferment .....	*307	29.32	9,000	0.0833	749
57.210(b)(1)(vi), Notification of Delinquent Accounts .....	*307	15.28	5,000	0.167	835
57.210(b)(1)(x), Credit Bureau Notification .....	*307	13.03	4,000	0.6	2,400
57.210(b)(4)(i), Write-off of Uncollectible Loans .....	24	1.67	40	0.5	20
57.211(a), Disability Cancellation .....	12	1.	12	.75	9
57.215(a), Reports .....			[Burden included under 0915-0044]		
57.215(a)(2), Administrative Hearings .....	0	0	0	0	0
57.216(a)(d), Administrative Hearings .....	0	0	0	0	0
HPSL Subtotal .....	5,307	.....	81,052	.....	14,856
<b>NSL Program:</b>					
57.305(a)(2), Excess Cash .....			[Burden included under 0915-0044 and 0915-0046]		
57.306(a)(2), Student Financial Aid Transcript .....	3,000	1.	3,000	0.25	750
57.310(b)(1)(i), Entrance Interview .....	382	31.41	12,000	0.167	2,004
57.310(b)(1)(ii), Exit Interview .....	*814	4.91	4,000	0.5	2,000
57.301(b)(1)(iii), Notification of Repayment .....	*814	8.23	6,700	0.167	1,119
57.310(b)(1)(iv), Notification During Deferment .....	*814	0.86	700	0.083	58
57.310(b)(1)(vi), Notification of Delinquent Accounts .....	*814	6.14	5,000	0.167	835
57.310(b)(1)(x), Credit Bureau Notification .....	*814	11.06	9,000	0.6	5,400
57.310(b)(4)(i), Write-off of Uncollectible Loans .....	40	1.0	40	0.5	20
57.311(a), Disability Cancellation .....	10	1.0	10	0.8	8
57.312(a)(3), Evidence of Educational Loans .....			[Inactive provision]		
57.315(a)(1), Reports .....			[Burden included under 0915-0044]		
57.315(a)(1)(ii), Administrative Hearings .....	0	0	0	0	0
57.316(a)(d), Administrative Hearings .....	0	0	0	0	0
NSL Subtotal .....	3,814	.....	40,450	.....	12,194

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**Proposed Project: Health Status, Behaviors, and Health Service Perceptions of Non-College Educated and College Educated African American Women—New**

The Office of Minority and Women's Health (OMWH) in the Bureau of

Primary Health Care (BPHC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded funding for a pilot study which will develop information about the design of a sample appropriate to determine the health status, behaviors, and health service perceptions of African American women who are: (1) college educated, and (2) low income, non-college educated. The pilot study will be used to evaluate the interview instrument and to discover the practical issues and feasibility of sampling low income African American women from the databases of community health centers in three test locations. The goal is to assess the instrument, the sample sources, the procedures, and the response rates and to determine the extent to which data can be collected in a systematic and comprehensive manner. The pilot study is the first step in a much larger nationwide effort to build a significant data set containing detailed information on health status, health indicators, and health behaviors of African American women.

The burden estimate for the pilot study is as follows:

Respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response (minutes)	Total hour burden
College Educated .....	60	1	60	40	40
Non-College Educated .....	180	1	180	40	120
Total .....	240	.....	240	.....	160

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**National Practitioner Data Bank Announcement of Self-Query Fee**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is

announcing a ten dollar fee for health care practitioners who request information about themselves (self-queries) from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

The current fee structure for requests for information (queries) by authorized entities was announced in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 1998 (63 FR 4460).

In accordance with the Final Rule published elsewhere in this issue, the Department now is exercising its authority to impose a fee for self-queries.

The NPDB is authorized by the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986 (the Act), title IV of Public Law 99-660, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11101 *et seq.*). Section 427(b)(4) of the Act authorizes the establishment of fees for the costs of processing requests for disclosure and for providing such information.

Final regulations at 45 CFR part 60 set forth the criteria and procedures for information to be reported to and

disclosed by the NPDB. Section 60.3 of these regulations defines the terms used in this announcement.

In determining any changes in the amount of the user fee, the Department uses the criteria set forth in § 60.12(b) of the regulations, as well as allowable costs pursuant to the DHHS Appropriations Act of 1999, Pub. L. 105-277, enacted October 19, 1998. This Act requires that the Department recover the full costs of operating the NPDB through user fees. Paragraph (b) of the regulations states:

The amount of each fee will be determined based on the following criteria:

- (1) Use of electronic data processing equipment to obtain information—the actual cost for the service, including computer search time, runs, printouts, and time of computer programmers and operators, or other employees,
- (2) Photocopying or other forms of reproduction, such as magnetic tapes—actual cost of the operator's time, plus the cost of the machine time and the materials used,
- (3) Postage—actual cost, and