

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following are those information collections recently submitted to OMB:

1: 42 CFR 50 Subpart B: Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects—0937-0166—Extension no Change—These regulations and informed consent procedures are associated with Federally-funded sterilization services. Selected consent forms are audited during site visits and program reviews to ensure compliance with regulations and the protection of the rights of individuals undergoing sterilization. Burden Estimate for Consent Form—Annual Responses: 40,000; Burden per Response: one hour; Total Burden for Consent Form: 40,000 hours—Burden Estimate for Recordkeeping Requirement—Number of Recordkeepers: 4,000; Average Burden per Recordkeeper: 2.5 hours; Total Burden for Recordkeeping: 10,000 hours. Total Burden: 50,000 hours.

OMB Desk Officer: Allison Eyd.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Agency Information Collection Activities Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research's (AHCP)R intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow a proposed information collection of the "Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Medical Provider Component (MEPS-MPC) for 1998, 1999, and 2000." In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHCPR invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Ruth A. Celtnieks, Reports Clearance Officer, AHCP, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852-4908.

All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth A. Celtnieks, AHCP Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-6659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project; Medical Panel Expenditure Survey—Medical Provider Component (MEPS-MPC) for 1998 and 1999 and 2000

The MEPS-MPC is a survey of hospitals, physicians and other medical providers. The purpose of this survey is to supplement and verify the information provided by household respondents in the household component of the MEPS (MEPS-HC) about the use of medical services. With the permission of members of the households surveyed in the MEPS-HC, we plan to contact their medical providers to determine the actual dates of service, the diagnoses, the services provided, the amount that was charged, the amount that was paid and the source of payment. Thus, the MPC is derived from or is based upon the core survey, the MEPS-HC.

The MEPS-HC to be conducted will provide annual, nationally representative estimates of health care use, expenditures, sources of payment and insurance coverage for the U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population. MEPS is cosponsored by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCP)R and the National Center For Health Statistics (NCHS).

MEPS data confidentiality is protected under sections 308(d) and 903(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m and 42 U.S.C. 299 a-1).

Data from medical providers linked to household respondents in the MEPS-HC for calendar year 1998 will be collected beginning in 1999 and continuing into the year 2000, data for calendar year 1999 will be collected beginning in 2000 and continue into the year 2001. Data for calendar year 2000 will be collected beginning in 2001 and continue into the year 2002.

Method of Collection

The medical provider survey will be conducted predominantly by telephone, but may include self-administered mail surveys, if requested by the respondent.

The estimated annual hour burden is as follows;

Type of provider	No. of respondents	Average No. of patients/providers	Average No. of events/patient	Average burden/event	Total hours of burden
Hospital	3500	2	3.2	5 min. (.083 hrs.)	1859
Office-based Doctor	8500	1.3	3.5	5 min	3210
Separately Billing Doctor	8000	1	1.3	5 min	863
Home Health	500	1.1	5.8	5 min	265
Pharmacy	6000	1.8	10.3	3 min	5562