depriving consumers of the benefits of competition among physicians, increasing the prices that consumers pay for physician services and medical insurance coverage, and depriving consumers of the benefits of managed care.

The Proposed Consent Order

The proposed consent order is designed to prevent the illegal concerted action alleged in the complaint, while allowing MDP to engage in legitimate joint conduct. Section II of the proposed order contains the core operative provisions. It prohibits MDP from: (1) Engaging in collective negotiations on behalf of its members; (2) orchestrating concerted refusals to deal; (3) fixing prices, or any other terms, on which its members deal; and (4) encouraging or pressuring others to engage in any activities prohibited by the order.

Section II includes a proviso allowing MDP to engage in conduct (including collectively determining reimbursement and other terms of contracts with payers) that is reasonably necessary to operate (a) any ''qualified risk-sharing joint arrangement,'' or (b) provided MDP complies with the order's prior notification requirements, any ''qualified clinically integrated joint arrangement.'' The proviso addresses the arrangements that MDP may enter into, rather than the overall nature of the group, because a physician group may enter into legitimate arrangements with some third-party payers but engage in illegal conduct with respect to others. For the purposes of the order, a ''qualified risk-sharing joint arrangement'' must satisfy two conditions. First, it must be one in which participating physicians share substantial financial risk. The order lists ways in which physicians might share financial risk. These track the four types of financial risk sharing set forth in the *Statements of Antitrust Enforcement Policy in Health Care,* issued jointly by the FTC and the Department of Justice.[1]

Second, to be a ''qualified'' risk sharing arrangement, the arrangement must also be non-exclusive, both in name and in fact. An arrangement that either restricts the ability of participating physicians to contract outside the arrangement (individually or through other networks) with third-party payers, or facilitates refusals to deal outside the arrangement by participating physicians, does not fall within the proviso. Although exclusive physician joint arrangements are not necessarily anticompetitive, they can impair competition, particularly when they include a large portion of the physicians in a market. In light of MDP's large share of the physician market, this definition does not permit MDP to form exclusive arrangements.

A ''qualified clinically integrated joint arrangement'' includes arrangements in which the physicians undertake cooperative activities to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of clinical services, without necessarily sharing substantial financial risk. For purposes of the order, such arrangements are ones in which the participating physicians have a high degree of interdependence and cooperation through their use of programs to evaluate and modify their clinical practice patterns, in order to control costs and assure the quality of physician services provided through the arrangement. As with risk-sharing arrangements, the definition of clinically integrated arrangement reflects the analysis contained in the 1996 FTC/DOJ *Statements of Antitrust Enforcement Policy in Health Care.* In addition, as with risk-sharing arrangements, the arrangement must be non-exclusive in light of MDP's large share of the market. In drafting the definition of clinically integrated arrangements, the Agencies sought to be flexible due to the wide range of providers who may participate, types of clinical integration possible, and efficiencies available. Consequently, the definition of a clinically integrated arrangements is by necessity less precise than that of a risk sharing arrangement.

In order for a qualified clinically integrated joint arrangement to fall within the proviso, MDP must comply with the order's requirements for prior notification. The prior notification mechanism will allow the Commission to evaluate a specific proposed arrangement and assess its likely competitive impact, in order to help guard against the recurrence of acts and practices that have restrained competition and consumer choice.

Section III requires that MDP notify its members and certain third-parties about the order. In addition, MDP must, for the next five years, distribute copies of the complaint and order to new members and annually publish the complaint and order in any annual report or newsletter sent to MDP members.

Sections IV, V, and VI consist of various reporting procedures, consistent with those found in other Commission consent orders, that are designed to assist the Commission in monitoring compliance with the order.

Finally, section VII terminates the order twenty years after the date it is issued, in accordance with Commission policy.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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[1] *Statements of Antitrust Enforcement Policy in Health Care,* issued August 28, 1996, 4 Trade Reg. Rep. (CCH) ¶ 13,153.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0197]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Service Contracting

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding reinstatement to a previously approved OMB clearance (3090–0197).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Service Contracting. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 19920, April 22, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: July 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Matera, Office of GSA Acquisition Policy (202) 501–1224.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and to Marjorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate information collection 3090–0197, Service Contracting. This information collection is necessary to determine whether a prospective contractor is responsible by obtaining information regarding financial and other capabilities of the prospective contractor.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 2,200; annual responses: 2,200; average hours per response: 1; burden hours: 2,200.

Copy of proposal

A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501–3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501–3341.

Dated: June 16, 1998.

Ida M. Ustad,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0200]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Sealed Bidding

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding reinstatement to a previously approved OMB clearance (3090–0200).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Sealed Bidding. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 19921, April 22, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: July 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Matera, Office of GSA Acquisition Policy (202) 501–1224.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and to Marjorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate information collection, 3099–0200, Sealed Bidding. The information requested regarding an offeror's monthly production capability is needed to make progressive awards to ensure coverage of stock items.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 20; annual responses: 20; average hours per response: .10; burden hours: 3.3.

Copy of Proposal

A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501–3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501–3342.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0227]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Termination Liability Schedule

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding reinstatement to a previously approved OMB clearance (3090–0227).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Termination Liability Schedule. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 19920, April 22, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: July 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Matera, Office of GSA Acquisition Policy (202) 501–1224.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Edward Springer, GSA Desk Officer, Room 3235, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and to Marjorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate information collection 3090–0227, Termination Liability Schedule. This information would permit offers on contracts for the Information Technology Fund to submit a schedule of cancellation charges. Use of Termination Liability provisions, a standard industry practice, equalizes the interconnects competitive position relative to the carriers, saving money and increasing competition.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 60; annual responses: 60; average hours per response: 2.5; burden hours: 150.

Copy of Proposal

A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501–3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501–3341.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0250]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Zero Burden Information Collection Reports

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding reinstatement to a previously approved OMB Clearance 3090–0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Zero Burden Information Collection Reports. GSA proposed to use a single, general control