

that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, the tribunal, or the other party is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party or interest provided, however, that in each case HHS determines that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

4. To an individual or organization for a research, demonstration, evaluation, epidemiological or health care quality improvement project related to the prevention of disease or disability, or the restoration or maintenance of health.

5. To a contractor for the purpose of collating, analyzing, aggregating or otherwise refining or processing records in this system or for developing, modifying and/or manipulating automated information systems (AIS) software. Data would also be disclosed to contractors incidental to consultation, programming, operation, user assistance, or maintenance for AIS or telecommunications systems containing or supporting records in the system.

6. To a Peer Review Organization for health care quality improvement projects conducted in accordance with its contract with HCFA.

7. To state Medicaid agencies pursuant to agreements with the Department of Health and Human Services for determining Medicaid and Medicare eligibility of recipients of assistance under titles IV, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act, and for the complete administration of the Medicaid program.

8. To an agency of a state Government, or established by state law, for purposes of determining, evaluating and/or assessing cost, effectiveness, and/or the quality of health care services provided in the state.

9. To another Federal or state (1) To contribute to the accuracy of HCFA's proper payment of Medicare health benefits, or (2) as necessary to enable such agency to fulfill a requirement of a Federal statute or regulation, or a state statute or regulation that implements a health benefits program funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

10. To other Federal agencies or states to support the administration of other Federal or state health care programs, if funded in whole or in part by Federal funds.

11. To the Social Security Administration for its assistance in the implementation of HCFA's Medicare and Medicaid programs.

12. To a HCFA Contractor, including but not limited to fiscal intermediaries and carriers under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, to administer some

aspect of a HCFA-administered health benefits program, or to a grantee of a HCFA-administered grant program, which program is or could be affected by fraud or abuse, for the purpose of preventing, deterring, discovering, detecting, investigating, examining, prosecuting, suing with respect to, defending against, correcting, remedying, or otherwise combating such fraud or abuse in such programs.

13. To another Federal agency or to an instrumentality of any governmental jurisdiction within or under the control of the United States, including any state or local government agency, for the purpose of preventing, deterring, discovering, detecting, investigating, examining, prosecuting, suing with respect to, defending against, correcting, remedying, or otherwise combating such fraud or abuse in such health benefits programs funded in whole or in part by Federal funds.

14. To any entity that makes payment for or oversees administration of health care services, for the purpose of preventing, deterring, discovering, detecting, investigating, examining, prosecuting, suing with respect to, defending against, correcting, remedying, or otherwise combating fraud or abuse against such entity or the program or services administered by such entity, provided:

(i) Such entity enters into an agreement with HCFA to share knowledge and information regarding actual or potential fraudulent or abusive practices or activities regarding the delivery or receipt of health care services, or regarding securing payment or reimbursement for health care services, or any practice or activity that, if directed toward a HCFA-administered program, might reasonably be construed as actually or potentially fraudulent or abusive;

(ii) Such entity does, on a regular basis, or at such times as HCFA may request, fully and freely share such knowledge and information with HCFA, or as directed by HCFA, with HCFA's contractors; and

(iii) HCFA determines that it may reasonably conclude that the knowledge or information it has received or is likely to receive from such entity could lead to preventing, deterring, discovering, detecting, investigating, examining, prosecuting, suing with respect to, defending against, correcting, remedying, or otherwise combating fraud or abuse in the Medicare, Medicaid or other health benefits program administered by HCFA or funded in whole or in part by Federal funds.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

All records are stored in file folders, magnetic tapes, or computer disks.

RETRIEVABILITY:

The records are retrieved by health insurance claim number.

SAFEGUARDS:

For computerized records, safeguards established in accordance with Department standards and National Institute of Standards and Technology guidelines (e.g., security codes) will be used, limiting access to authorized personnel. System securities are established in accordance with HHS, Information Resource Management (IRM) Circular 110, Automated Information Systems Security Program; and HCFA Automated Information Systems (AIS) Guide, Systems Securities Policies, and OMB Circular No. A-130 (revised), Appendix III.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The records are maintained with identifiers as long as needed for program research.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

For purpose of access, the subject individual should write the system manager, who will require the system name, health insurance claim number, and, for verification purposes, name, address, date of birth, and sex to ascertain whether or not the individual's record is in the system.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as notification procedures. Requestors should also reasonably specify the record contents being sought. (These access procedures are in accordance with the Department regulations 45 CFR 5b.5(a)(2).)

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Contact the system manager named above, and reasonably identify the record and specify the information to be contested. State the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification. (These procedures are in accordance with Department regulation 45 CFR 5b.7.)

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The identifying information contained in these records is obtained from the health plans (which obtained the data from the individual concerned) or the individuals themselves. Also, these data will be linked with HCFA administrative data, such as claims and enrollment data.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4370-N-02]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: August 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received by the comments due date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the

information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Description of Need: This Notice informs the publication that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to HUD's Mark-to-Market Request for Qualifications (RFQ) which specifies proposal submission requirements and subsequent HUD processing procedures. This approval is needed in order to issue the RFQ. The selection of qualified Participating Administrative Entities (PAEs) is authorized under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 ("FY 98 Appropriation Act") (Pub. L. No. 105-65; 111 Stat 1344, 1384, approved October 27, 1997).

The basis for expedited processing request is that the Department is implementing the Mark-to-Market Program authorized by MAHRA. This program is a high priority to the Department as it will reduce the long-term costs of project-based assistance; preserve low-income rental housing and reduce the cost of insurance claims under the National Housing Act related to mortgages insured by the Secretary and used to finance eligible multifamily housing projects.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Members of affected public: public and non-public entities.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated number of respondents are 150; 20 hours per response, and the frequency of responses is 1.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, is amended.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

Wayne Eddins,

Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[NV-930-1430-01; N-62752]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to withdraw 5,360 acres of reserved Federal minerals from mining and 9,459.66 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining as part of the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Nye County, Nevada. The reserved Federal minerals and public lands proposed for withdrawal are located within the existing boundary of the refuge. This notice closes these lands for up to 2 years from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws. This notice does not affect private lands within the boundary. This application replaces withdrawal applications N-53691 and N-59336, which have been canceled.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before November 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 22, 1998 a petition was approved allowing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, and the following described reserved Federal mineral interest from location and entry under the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian

(a) *Public Lands*

T. 17 S., R. 50 E.,

Sec. 9, lots 7 and 8;

Sec. 10, lot 12;

Sec. 14, lot 11;

Sec. 15, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;

Sec. 17, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;