Dated: November 5, 1998.

Bob Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA–1039–CN]

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Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index; Corrections

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice; correction notice.

SUMMARY: In the October 5, 1998 issue of the **Federal Register** (63 FR 53446), we published a notice announcing the annual update to the hospice wage index. The wage index is used to reflect local differences in wage levels. That update was effective October 1, 1998 and is the second year of a 3-year transition period. This notice corrects errors made in that document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Blackford, (410) 786–5909.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The October 5, 1998 notice contained technical and typographical errors. Therefore, we are making the following corrections:

1. On page 53447, in Table A., ''Schoharie, NY'' is removed from the list of counties with MSA code number 0160.

2. On page 53448, in Table A., ''Stanly, NY'' is removed from the list of counties with MSA code number 1520 and is added to a new MSA code number ''15206,'' with area name ''Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC'' and with wage index value ''0.9741.''

3. On page 53449, in Table A., the MSA code number ''2580'' for Washington, AR is corrected to read ''25806.''

4. On page 53449, in Table A., the MSA code number ''2760'' for Allen, IN, De Kalb, IN, and Whitley, IN is corrected to read ''27606.''

5. On page 53450, in Table A., ''La Crosse, WI'' is removed from the list of counties with MSA code number 3870.

6. On page 53451, in Table A., the MSA code number ''5640'' for Warren, NJ is corrected to read ''56406.''

7. On page 53452, ''St. Louis, MO'' is added to the list of counties with MSA code number 70408.

Authority: Section 1814(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f (i)(1))

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: October 29, 1998.

Neil J. Stillman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Resources Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)–443–1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Proposed Project: The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (OMB No. 0915–0127)—Extension and Revision. The NHSC Loan Repayment Program (LRP) was established to assure an adequate supply of trained primary care health professionals to the neediest communities in the Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) of the United States. Under this program, the Department of Health and Human Services agrees to repay the educational loans of the primary care health professionals. In return, the health professionals agree to serve for a specified period of time in a federally-designated HPSA approved by the Secretary for LRP participants.

This request for extension of OMB approval will include the NHSC LRP application and loan verification form, as well as two new forms: a Site Information Form and Request for Method of Advanced Loan Repayment Form. In an effort to improve the procedure for recruiting NHSC applicants and to alleviate some of the burden and delay in the application process, the following changes are proposed:

(1) The applicant will submit a ''Site Information Form'' rather than a copy of the signed employment contact. This form provides information about the proposed employment site, requiring only a signature and date from the Site Administrator/Executive Officer. This change will allow HRSA to begin consideration of the application at an earlier stage, since a signed employment contract generally takes more time to negotiate.

(2) A new one page form, ''The Request for Method of Advanced Loan Repayment'' form, will be included with the application. It provides a description of three methods of payment (quarterly, annually, and biennially), and asks applicants to select the method they prefer.

(3) Applicants now obtain a self-report from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), which must be submitted with the application form. To obtain that form, applicants must submit a written request to the NPDB. To expedite that process, HRSA proposes to send the NPDB request form with the LRP application.

The estimate of burden is as follows:

Respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Applicants	800	1	1.5	1200
Lenders	45	1	15 minutes	11
Total	845			1211

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: Wendy A. Taylor, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of

Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT–030–99–1610–00]

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Draft Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DMP/DEIS) may be obtained from the following Bureau of Land Management (BLM) locations: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Office, 337 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865–5100; BLM, Utah State Office, 324 South State, Public Room (4th Floor), Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone (801) 539–4001; Kanab Resource Area Office, 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741, telephone (435) 644–2672; Escalante Interagency Office, P.O. Box 225, Escalante, Utah 84726, telephone (435) 826–4291. Comments must be received by the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Office, 337 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720 by Friday, February 12, 1999.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 CFR part 1610, a draft management plan/draft environmental impact statement for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah, has been prepared and is available for review and comment. The DMP/DEIS describes and analyzes future options for managing 1,684,899 acres of public land in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah. The DMP/DEIS also examines recommendations on suitability for additions to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Decisions generated during this planning process will supersede land use planning guidance presented in the Management Framework Plans and subsequent amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pete Wilkins, Planning Team Leader, or A. J. Meredith, Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Office, 337 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865–5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DMP/DEIS analyzes five alternatives to resolve the following seven major issues: (1) How will Monument resources be protected? (2) How will research associated with the Monument be managed? (3) How will Monument management be integrated with community plans? (4) How will people's activities and uses be managed? (5) What facilities are needed and where? (6) How will transportation and access be managed? (7) To what extent is water necessary for the proper care and management of the objects of the Monument, and what further action is necessary to assure the availability of water. Each alternative represents a complete management plan for the area. The alternatives can be summarized as (A) the no action or change from management as directed by the Proclamation and the Interim Management Guidance, (B) the preferred alternative which emphasizes the preservation of the monument, while recognizing its value as a scientific resource, (C) emphasizes the exemplary opportunities for scientific research, (D) emphasizes the preservation of the primitive, undeveloped nature of the Monument through the stewardship of intact natural systems, and (E) emphasizes and facilitates a full range of developed and undeveloped recreational opportunities, while relying upon public education and use management to protect Monument resources.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

In Alternative A (No Action Alternative), a suitability determination would not be made on the 25 eligible river segments (330 miles). In Alternative B (Preferred Alternative) and E, 17 eligible river segments, totaling 225 river miles would be recommended as suitable for Congressional designation into the National Wild and Scenic River System (NWSRS). In Alternative C, all 25 eligible river segments (330 miles) would be determined to be unsuitable. In Alternative D, all 25 eligible river segments, totaling 330 river miles, would be determined suitable and would be recommended for Congressional designation. The table outlines the river segments that were determined eligible for Congressional designation. The table also identifies, by alternative, which eligible river segments would be determined suitable and recommended to Congress for designation into the NWSRS.

River segment	Segment description	Miles	Tentative classification	Determined suitable by alternative				
				A	B	C	D	E
Escalante River Basin								
Harris Wash	Tenmile Crossing to confluence with Bighorn Wash.	2.9	Scenic				X	
	Bighorn Wash to unnamed road.	8.7	Wild				X	
	Road to west side of State section.	2.8	Recreational				X	
	State section to Monument boundary.	1.2	Wild		X		X	X
Lower Boulder Creek	Downstream side of State section to Escalante River.	13.6	Wild		X		X	X
Dry Hollow Creek	Monument boundary to Lower Boulder Creek.	4.3	Wild				X	