

welfare, child welfare, healthcare reform, and other issues that directly impact the TANF program. The Executive Leadership Institute focuses its efforts on the top State Human Service Executive and Senior Managers and other high level policy makers. By partnering with APHSA on this project, the Administration for Children and Families will further its goal in Welfare Reform by enhancing the skills and leadership capacity of the Human Service Administrators and other high level policy makers involved in implementing TANF programs. The period of this funding will extend through May 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Maiers, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447, Telephone: 202-401-5438.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

**Alvin C. Collins,**

*Director, Office of Family Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-R-72]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 473.18, 473.34, 473.36, and 473.42, PRO Reconsiderations and Appeals.

*Form No.:* HCFA-R-72 (OMB# 0938-0443).

*Use:* These requirements contain procedures for PROs to use in reconsideration of initial determinations. The information requirements contained in these regulations are on PROs to provide information to parties requesting a reconsideration. These parties will use the information as guidelines for appeal rights in instances where issues are still in dispute.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Total Annual Responses:* 15,670.

*Total Annual Hours:* 3,578.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

**John P. Burke III,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-718-721]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Business Proposal Formats for Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organizations (PROs).

*Form No.:* HCFA-718-721 (OMB# 0938-0579).

*Use:* The information collected on these forms by current Peer Review Organizations (PROs) and other bidders will provide HCFA with the necessary information to evaluate their contract proposals. This information will satisfy the need for meaningful, consistent, and verifiable data. With this data, HCFA will be able to compare the costs reported by the PROs on the cost reports to the proposed costs noted on the business proposal forms.

*Frequency:* Other: Tri-Annually.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Total Annual Responses:* 20.

*Total Annual Hours:* 535.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your

request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

**John P. Burke III,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-838]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Credit Balance Reporting Requirements and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 413.20, 405.371 and 405.378.

*Form No.:* HCFA-838 (OMB# 0938-0600).

*Use:* Section 1866(a)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act requires health care providers participating in the Medicare program, to make adequate provisions to refund any monies incorrectly paid by Medicare. This collection of credit balance information is needed to ensure that the millions of dollars in improper program payments are collected. Approximately 47,600 health care providers will be required to submit a quarterly credit balance report that identifies the amount of improper payments they receive that are due to Medicare. The intermediaries will monitor the reports to ensure these funds are collected.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, and Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 47,600.

*Total Annual Responses:* 190,400.

*Total Annual Hours:* 1,142,400.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 5, 1999.

**John P. Burke III,**

*HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Call for Public Comment: Changing the Conversation—A National Plan to Improve Substance Abuse Treatment

**AGENCY:** Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on five issues (domains) of concern to the substance abuse treatment field when assessing substance abuse treatment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is formally inviting public comment on five issues (domains) that are of concern to the substance abuse treatment field and require development and exploration. Via several mechanisms, including public hearings, CSAT intends that findings from the exploration of individual domains will ultimately be synthesized into a coherent national strategy to guide substance abuse treatment program and policy development for the future. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to comment in one of several ways: (1) in writing, by submission through the U.S. Mail or courier service; (2) via the National Treatment Plan web site (<http://www.NaTxPlan.org>); or (3) in person at one of the remaining four public hearings scheduled at locations across the country. The final cutoff date for comments is December 1, 1999. This notice discusses the public hearings at which interested individuals/organizations may testify regarding the five substance abuse treatment domains discussed below.

**DATES/LOCATIONS:** In addition to the public hearing held on July 8 in Hartford, Connecticut, CSAT plans to conduct four more public hearings in 1999—September 16 in Chicago, Illinois; October in Portland, Oregon, and Washington, DC; and November in Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida. The next hearing will be held at Loyola University, Water Tower Campus, Marquette Center (2nd Floor), Georgetown Room, Corner of Rush and Pearson Streets, Chicago, Illinois 60611, on September 16, 1999, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Specific details regarding subsequent hearings will be published in the **Federal Register** approximately one month prior to each hearing.

Requests to testify at the Chicago, Illinois, public hearing must be submitted to the addressee indicated below by September 9, 1999. Seating is limited. In the event that interpretive services for the hearing-impaired are required, please indicate these special needs to the addressee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information regarding the hearing and/or testimonies, as well as requests to testify must be addressed to: Peggy Cockrill,