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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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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: Conditions of Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 486.301-325;

Form No.: HCFA-R-13;

Use: An Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) is an entity that performs or coordinates the performance of retrieving, preserving and transporting organs and maintains a system of locating prospective recipients for available organs. OPOs are required to submit accurate data to HCFA concerning population and information on donors and organs on an annual basis in order to assure maximum effectiveness in the procurement and distribution of organs. This information collection lays out the conditions for coverage for OPOs;

Frequency: Annually;

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions;

Number of Respondents: 62;

Total Annual Responses: 62;

Total Annual Hours Requested: 1.

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 19, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the Information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, Part 1320. The HCFA-R-281 will be used to evaluate the effects of the "Medicare and You Handbook: 2000" to determine that beneficiaries not only received it and are aware of the information, but whether they understand the information and are able to use it in making informed choices about their Medicare plan. Without this information, HCFA would not be able to obtain the information necessary to determine whether these goals have been met. The Agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because public harm is likely to result due to the possibility of beneficiaries not being properly informed/educated as to the importance of their Medicare plan choices.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by 9/10/99, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below, by 9/9/99. During this 180-day period, we will publish a separate **Federal Register** notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. We will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Survey of Medicare Beneficiaries for the National "Medicare and You Handbook: 2000" Evaluation;

Form No.: HCFA-R-281 (OMB #0938-0771);

Use: As part of the National Medicare Education Program (NMEP), HCFA plans a national mailing of the Medicare & You 2000 handbook to the entire Medicare population in September 1999. To evaluate the effects of the handbook, HCFA needs to know not only that beneficiaries received it and are aware of the information, but whether they understand the information and are able to use it in