

Program relies on the reporting of the number of full-time equivalent residents in applicant children's hospital training programs to determine the amount of direct and indirect expense payments to participating children's hospitals. Indirect expense payments will also be

derived from a formula that requires the reporting of case mix index information from participating children's hospitals.

Hospitals will be requested to submit such information in an annual application. The statute also requires reconciliation of the estimated numbers

of residents with the actual number determined at the end of the fiscal year. Participating children's hospitals would be required to complete an adjusted report to correct such information on an annual basis.

ESTIMATES OF ANNUALIZED HOUR BURDEN

Form name	Number of respondents	Responses per respondents	Total responses	Hrs. per response	Total hour burden	Wage rate (\$/hr)	Total hour cost (\$)
HRSA-99-1:	54	1	54	99.9	5,395	45	242,775
(Annual) .....	54	1	54	8	432	45	19,440
(Reconciliation).							
HRSA-99-2 (IME) .....	54	1	54	14	756	45	34,020
HRSA-99-4 Required							
GPRA Tables .....	54	1	54	28	1,512	45	68,040
Total .....	54		54		8,095		364,275

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Morrall, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th St., NW., New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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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) Scholarship Program Deferment Request Forms and Associated Reporting Requirements (OMB No. 0915-0179)—Revision**

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program 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 the program, allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse

midwives, physician assistants, and, if needed by the NHSC program, students of other health professionals are offered the opportunity to enter into a contractual agreement with the Secretary under which the Public Health Service agrees to pay the total school tuition, required fees and a stipend for living expenses. In exchange, the scholarship recipient agrees to provide full-time clinical services at a site in a federally designated HPSA.

Once the scholars have met their academic requirements, the law requires that individuals receiving a degree from a school of medicine, osteopathic medicine or dentistry be allowed to defer their service obligation for a maximum of 3 years to complete approved internship, residency or other advanced clinical training. The Deferment Request Form provides the information necessary for considering the period and type of training for which deferment of the service obligation will be approved.

The estimated response burden is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total hour burden
Deferment Request Forms .....	600	1	1	600
Letters of Intent and Request .....	100	1	1	100
Total .....	700			700

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