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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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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:* Research and Analytic Support for Implementing Performance Measurement in Medicare Fee for Service; *Form No.:* CMS-R-227 (OMB# 0938-0718); *Use:* As required by the Balanced Budget Act (BBA), Section 1851(d), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) needs to develop comparable performance measures for Fee For Service (FFS) Medicare. This project will enable HCFA to evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of FFS services purchased. HCFA may potentially disseminate this information to Medicare beneficiaries so that they may make informed health care choices; *Frequency:* Biannually; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal

Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government;

Number of Respondents: 6,670;

Total Annual Responses: 6,670;

Total Annual Hours: 2,223.

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/prduct95.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, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room: N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1193-NC]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Announcement of Applications From Hospitals Requesting Waivers for Organ Procurement Service Areas

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice announces three applications that we have received from hospitals requesting waivers from entering into agreements with their designated organ procurement organizations (OPOs), in accordance with section 1138(a)(2) of the Social Security Act. This notice requests comments from OPOs and the general public for our consideration in determining whether we should grant these waivers.

COMMENT DATE: We will consider comments if we receive them at the

appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on October 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-1193-NC. Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. Mail written comments (one original and three copies) to the following address only: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-1193-NC, P.O. Box 8010, Baltimore, MD 21244-8010.

To ensure that mailed comments are received in time for us to consider them, please allow for possible delays in delivering them.

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses: Room 443-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Comments mailed to the addresses indicated as appropriate for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and could be considered late.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Horney, (410) 786-4554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Inspection of Public Comments: Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, at the headquarters of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland 21244, Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment to view public comments, phone (410) 786-9994.

I. Background

Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs) are not-for-profit organizations that collect human organs from hospitals and distribute them to transplant centers around the country. Qualified OPOs are designated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to collect organs in CMS-defined exclusive geographic service areas, according to section 371(b)(1)(E) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 273(b)(1)(E)) and our regulations at 42 CFR 486.307. Once an OPO has been designated for an area, hospitals in that area that participate in Medicare and Medicaid are required to work with that OPO in providing organs for transplant, according to section