

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration****Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Clearance**

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 (HHS), has submitted to OMB the following information collection requirement 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, in order to analyze and pay claims submitted by certain medical suppliers, and is essential to the mission of HCFA. The Agency cannot reasonably comply

with the normal clearance procedures because public harm is likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Without this information, HCFA could not authorize payment for only those services that are reasonable and necessary (Sections 1834 and 1861 of the Social Security Act).

HCFA is requesting that OMB provide a two-day review and a 90-day approval. During this 90-day period HCFA will publish a separate Federal Register notice announcing the initiation of an extensive 60-day agency review and public comment period on these requirements. Then HCFA will submit the requirements for OMB review and an extension of this emergency approval.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Emergency; *Title of Information Collection:* Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier, Certificate of Medical Necessity, Version I and Version II. (Either version may be used through April 1, 1996); *Form No.:* HCFA-R-182; *Use:* This information is needed to correctly process claims and insure that claims are properly paid.

These forms contain medical information necessary to make an appropriate determination.

Frequency: On occasion; *Affected Public:* Suppliers and Physicians, Business or other for-profit, Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 140,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 6.8 million; *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 1.7 million.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 2 working 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, D.C. 20503.

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