

among racial/ethnic minority populations. NCI will sponsor questions on cancer screening in the 2003 NHIS and to provide better estimates for smaller racial-ethnic minority populations, anticipates also sponsoring

cancer screening questions on the 2003 CHIS. NCI will also take advantage of the Housing and Environment Module to be included in the 2003 CHIS to ask respondents questions about

environmental tobacco smoke and physical activity.

Frequency of response: One-time.
Affected public: Individuals. *Types of Respondents:* U.S. adults. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

A.12-1 ESTIMATES OF HOUR BURDEN—2003 CHIS CANCER CONTROL MODULE

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average time per response	Annual hour burden
Adult Individuals—Pilot	150	1	.09	13.50
Adult Individuals—Survey	55,000	1	.09	4,950.00
Total Annual Hour Burden				4,963.50

There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Nancy Breen, Ph.D., Project Officer, National Cancer Institute, EPN 4005, 6130 Executive Boulevard MSC 7344, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7344, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-8500, or FAX your request to (301) 435-3710, or E-mail your request, including your address, to breenn@mail.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if

received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institutes of Health Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the availability of educational loan repayment under the NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers (LRP-CR). The Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers, which is authorized by section 487F¹ of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 288-5a), as added by the Clinical Research Enhancement Act of the Public Health Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-505), provides for the repayment of the existing educational loan debt of qualified health professionals who agree to conduct clinical research. The Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers provides for the repayment of up to \$35,000 of the principal and interest of the extant educational loans of such health professionals for each year of obligated service. Payments equal to 39

¹ So in the law. There are two sections 487F. Section 205 of Public Law 106-505 (114 Stat. 2329), inserted section 487F after section 487E. Previously, section 1002(b) of Public Law 106-310 (114 Stat. 1129), which relates to a Pediatric Research Loan Repayment Program, inserted section 487F after section 487E.

percent of total loan repayments are issued to the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of program participants to offset Federal tax liabilities incurred. The purpose of the Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers is the recruitment and retention of highly qualified health professionals as clinical investigators. Through this notice, the NIH invites qualified health professionals who contractually agree to engage in clinical research for at least two years, and who agree to engage in such research for at least 50 percent of their time, *i.e.*, not less than 20 hours per week, to apply for participation in the NIH Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers.

DATE: Interested persons may request information about the Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers on April 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Moore, NIH Regulations Officer, Office of Management Assessment, NIH, 6011 Executive Blvd., Room 601, MSC 7669, Rockville, MD 20892, by email (jm40z@nih.gov), by fax 301-402-0169, or by telephone 301-496-4607 (not a toll-free number). For program information contact Marc S. Horowitz, email lrp@nih.gov, or telephone 301-402-5666 (not a toll free number). Information regarding the requirements, application deadline dates, and an on-line application for the Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program may be obtained at the NIH Loan Repayment Program Web site, <http://www.lrp.nih.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clinical Research Enhancement Act, which is contained in the Public Health Improvement Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-505), was enacted on November 13, 2000, adding section 487F of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 288-5a). Section 487F authorizes the Secretary, acting through the Director of the NIH, to carry out a program of entering into contracts with