

recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by February 19, 2003. 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:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Targeted Beneficiary Survey on Access to Physician Services Among Medicare Beneficiaries; *Form No.:* CMS-10084 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* Recent anecdotal reports have suggested that Medicare beneficiaries in certain parts of the country are having difficulty finding physicians who will accept new Medicare patients. In response to these anecdotes, CMS implemented a multi-faceted monitoring system that incorporated multiple data sources to address beneficiaries' reported access problems. As part of this monitoring strategy, CMS has designed a Targeted Survey on Access to Physician Services Among Medicare Beneficiaries. The survey is designed to interview 300 Medicare beneficiaries in each of 11 geographic areas where there is some evidence to suggest a potential physician access problem. The geographic areas include the state of Alaska; the Phoenix, Arizona area; the San Diego, California and San Francisco, California areas; the Denver, Colorado area; the Tampa, Florida area; the Springfield, Missouri area; the Las Vegas, Nevada area; the Brooklyn, New York area; the Fort Worth, Texas area; and the Seattle, Washington area. Survey respondents will be Medicare beneficiaries in the traditional Medicare program who are covered by part B where Medicare is the primary payer. The survey will over sample beneficiaries who are most likely to be seeking new physicians. The goal of the survey is to confirm or refute anecdotal reports that the Medicare payment restrictions are contributing to physician access problems. The survey will inform CMS about the characteristics of Medicare beneficiaries most likely to be experiencing physician access problems. It will enhance CMS's ability to consider the potential effects of payment changes on beneficiary access. *Frequency:* One-time; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 4,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 4,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 958.

We have submitted a copy of this notice to OMB for its review of these information collections.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site address at <http://cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prd/default.asp>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below, by February 19, 2003:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Dawn Willingham, CMS-10084, Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850 and,

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395-6974 or (202) 395-5167. Attn: Brenda Agular, CMS Desk Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 03N-0017]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Impact of Risk Management Programs on the Practice of Pharmacy

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an

opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on FDA's burden estimates to conduct a descriptive survey of pharmacists to evaluate pharmacists' knowledge of risk management programs, identify barriers to compliance, and assess the impact of these programs on the practice of pharmacy.

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by April 14, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/edockethome.cfm>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Nelson, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1482.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;