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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this Information Collection Request must be received within 60 days of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 10-29, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443-1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education
Payment Program

OMB No. 0915-0247 Revision

Abstract: The Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) Payment Program was enacted by Public Law 106-129 and reauthorized by Public Law 109-307 to provide federal support for graduate medical education (GME) to freestanding children's hospitals. This legislation attempts to provide support for GME comparable to the level of Medicare GME support received by other, non-children's hospitals. The legislation indicates that eligible children's hospitals will receive payments for both direct and indirect medical education. Direct payments are designed to offset the expenses associated with operating approved graduate medical residency training programs, and indirect payments are designed to compensate hospitals for expenses associated with the treatment of more severely ill patients and the additional costs relating to teaching residents in such programs.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule in the Federal

Register regarding Sections 5503, 5504, 5505, and 5506 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, Public Law 111-148 on Wednesday, November 24, 2010. This final rule included policy changes on counting resident time in non-provider settings, counting resident time for didactic training, and the re-distribution of resident caps. It required modification of the data collection forms within the CHGME Payment Program application. The necessary modifications were made and received OMB clearance on June 30, 2012.

On September 30, 2013, CMS published revised forms on their website, requiring additional modifications of the data collection forms in the CHGME Payment Program application. The CHGME Payment Program application forms have been adjusted to accommodate the most recent CMS policy changes. These changes require OMB approval.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Data are collected on the number of full-time equivalent residents in applicant children's hospitals' training programs to determine the amount of direct and indirect medical education payments to be distributed to participating children's hospitals. Indirect medical education payments will also be derived from a formula that requires the reporting of discharges, beds, and case mix index information from participating children's hospitals.

Hospitals will also be requested to submit data on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) residents trained during the federal fiscal year to participate in the reconciliation payment process. Auditors will be requested to submit data on the number of FTE residents trained by the hospitals in an FTE resident assessment summary. An assessment of the hospital data ensures

that appropriate CMS regulations and CHGME program guidelines are followed in determining which residents are eligible to be claimed for funding. The audit results impact final payments made by the CHGME Payment Program to all eligible children’s hospitals.

Likely Respondents: Hospitals applying for and receiving CHGME funds and fiscal intermediaries auditing data submitted by the hospitals receiving CHGME funds.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this Information Collection Request are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized burden hours:

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Application Cover Letter	60	1	60	0.33	19.8

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(Initial)					
Application Cover Letter (Reconciliation)	60	1	60	0.33	19.8
HRSA 99 (Initial)	60	1	60	0.33	19.8
HRSA 99 (Reconciliation)	60	1	60	0.33	19.8
HRSA 99-1 (Initial)	60	1	60	26.50	1,590.0
HRSA 99-1 (Reconciliation)	60	1	60	6.50	390.0
HRSA 99-1 (Supplemental) (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
HRSA 99-2 (Initial)	60	1	60	11.33	679.8
HRSA 99-2 (Reconciliation)	60	1	60	3.67	220.2
HRSA 99-4 (Reconciliation)	60	1	60	12.50	750.0
HRSA 99-5 (Initial)	60	1	60	0.33	19.8
HRSA 99-5 (Reconciliation)	60	1	60	0.33	19.8
CFO Form Letter (Initial)	60	1	60	0.33	19.8
CFO Form Letter (Reconciliation)	60	1	60	0.33	19.8
FTE Resident Assessment Cover Letter (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	0.33	9.9

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Conversation Record (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit C (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit F (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit N (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit O(1) (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit O(2) (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	26.5	795.0
Exhibit P (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit P(2) (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit S (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit T (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1
Exhibit T(1) (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	3.67	110.1

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Exhibit 1 (FTE Resident Assessment)	30	1	30	0.33	9.9
Exhibit 2 (Initial, Reconciliation and FTE Resident Assessment)	90	1	90	0.33	29.7
Exhibit 3 (Initial, Reconciliation and FTE Resident Assessment)	90	1	90	0.33	29.7
Exhibit 4 (Initial, Reconciliation and FTE Resident Assessment)	90	1	90	0.33	29.7
Total	90	-	90	-	5,962.8

HRSA specifically requests comments on (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.

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