

technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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directly to the OS OMB Desk Officer all comments must be faxed to OMB at 202-395-6974.

Proposed Project: Institutional Review Board/Independent Ethics Committee Forms-Extension—OMB No. 0990-0279—Office for Human Research Protections.

Abstract: The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is requesting a three year extension of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Independent Ethics Committee (IEC) Registration Form designed to provide a simplified procedure for institutions

engaged in Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) conducted or supported research to satisfy the assurance requirements of Section 491(a) of the Public Health Service Act and HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects at 45 CFR 46.103. Respondents are institutions or organizations operating IRBs or IECs designated by an institution under an assurance of compliance approved for federal-wide use by OHRP and that review HHS-conducted or supported research. Data is collected as necessary.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

| Forms | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total burden hours |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| IRB/IEC-0279 | 6,000 | 2 | 1 | 12,000 |

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Agency Information Collection Request; 30-Day Public Comment Request

Agency: Office of the Secretary, HHS. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed information collection request 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 collection technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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Proposed Project: Federal-wide Assurance Forms-Extension—OMB No. 0990-0278—Office for Human Research Protections.

Abstract: The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) is requesting a three year extension of the Federal-wide Assurance (FWA) forms. The FWA forms were designed to provide a simplified procedure for institutions engaged in HHS-conducted or supported research to satisfy the assurance requirements of section 49(a) of the Public Health Service Act and HHS Regulations for the protection of human subjects at 45 CFR 46.103. The respondents are institutions engaged in human subjects research that is conducted or supported by HHS. Data is collected as needed.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

| Forms | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total burden hours |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| FWA 0278 | 10,000 | 2 | 45/60 | 15,000 |

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Office of the Secretary; Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims

collection regulations (45 CFR Part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than