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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Agency Information Collection Request; 30-Day Public Comment Request**

*Agency:* Office of the Secretary, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), 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 technology to minimize the information collection burden. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to [Sherrette.funncoleman@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.funncoleman@hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be directed to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at the above e-mail address within 30-days.

*Proposed Project:* Evaluation of the IT Professionals in Health Care—OMB No. 0090-NEW—Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC).

*Abstract:* Currently, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) Office of the Chief Scientist is soliciting comments on a series of data collection efforts for the evaluation of the IT Professionals in Health Care ("Workforce") Program. The Workforce

Program, created under Section 3016 of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA), as added by Title XIII in Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide "assistance to institutions of higher education (or consortia thereof) to establish or expand medical health informatics education programs, including certification, undergraduate, and masters degree programs, for both health care and information technology students to ensure the rapid and effective utilization and development of health information technologies."

The evaluation of the Workforce Program is a new information collection activity which will explore program challenges, provide critical formative feedback to the Workforce grantee institutions on their activities, and determine whether the Workforce Program overall was successful in helping to build a skilled workforce equipped to meet the heightened demands of the current environment. The data collection efforts include: A Web-based baseline survey of community college students; course evaluation forms; focus groups with students, faculty members, and competency exam takers; and a Web-based survey of community college faculty.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Forms	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Web-based Student Baseline Survey.	Students enrolled in Workforce program ..	1,233	1	20/60	411
Focus groups with students .....	Students enrolled in Workforce program ..	256	1	1.5	384
Focus groups with faculty .....	Instructors from Workforce program .....	50	1	1.5	75
Focus groups with Exam takers	Competency exam takers not enrolled in Workforce program.	32	1	1.5	48
Web-based Faculty Survey .....	Instructors from Workforce program .....	300	1	10/60	50
<b>Total .....</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	<b>968</b>

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Medicare Program; Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports**

**AGENCY:** Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Technical

Advisory Panel on Medicare Trustee Reports (Panel). Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)). The Panel will discuss the long-term rate of change in health spending and may make recommendations to the Medicare Trustees on how the Trustees might more accurately estimate health spending in the long run. The Panel's discussion is expected to be very technical in nature and will focus on the actuarial and economic assumptions and methods by which Trustees might