the FR G–1 and FR G–4 is given
corporate confidentiality under the
Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §§
552(b)(4)). The FR G–2 does not contain
corporate confidentiality. The FR G–3,
FR T–4, and FR U–1 are not submitted
to the Federal Reserve and, as such, no
issue of confidentiality arises.

Abstract: The Securities Exchange Act
of 1934 authorizes the Board to regulate
securities credit issued by banks,
brokers and dealers, and other lenders.
The purpose statements, FR U–1, FR T–
4, and FR G–3, are recordkeeping
requirements for banks, brokers and
dealers, and other lenders, respectively,
to document the purpose of their loans
secured by margin stock. Other lenders
also must register and deregister with
the Federal Reserve using the FR G–1
and FR G–2, respectively, and must file
an annual report (FR G–4). The Federal
Reserve uses the data to identify lenders
subject to Regulation U, to verify
compliance with Regulations T, U, and
X, and to monitor margin credit.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve

Jennifer J. Johnson
Secretary of the Board.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Secretary

Annual Update of the HHS Poverty
Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of Health and
Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an
update of the HHS poverty guidelines
to account for last (calendar) year’s
increase in prices as measured by the
Consumer Price Index.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These guidelines go into
effect on the day they are published
(unless an office administering a
program using the guidelines specifies a
different effective date for that
particular program).

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Planning and Evaluation,
Room 404E, Humphrey Building,
Department of Health and Human
Services (HHS), Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
For information about how the poverty
guidelines are used or how income is
defined in a particular program, contact
the Federal (or other) office that is
responsible for that program.

For general questions about the
poverty guidelines (but NOT for
questions about a particular program
that uses the poverty guidelines),
contact Gordon Fisher, Office of the
Assistant Secretary for Planning and
Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey
Building, Department of Health and
Human Services, Washington, DC
20201—telephone: (202) 690–7507;
persons with Internet access may visit
the poverty guidelines Internet site at

For information about the Hill-Burton
Uncompensated Services Program (no-
fee or reduced-fee health care services at
certain hospitals and other health care
facilities for certain persons meeting
eligibility criteria involving the poverty
guidelines), contact the Office of the
Director, Division of Facilities
Compliance and Recovery, Health
Resources and Services Administration,
HHS, Room 10–105, Parklawn Building,
5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland
20857. To speak to a person, call (301)
443–5656. To receive a Hill-Burton
information package, call 1–800–638–
0742 (for callers outside Maryland) or
1–800–492–0359 (for callers in
Maryland), and leave your name and
address on the Hotline recording.

Persons with Internet access may visit
the Division of Facilities Compliance
and Recovery Internet Home page site at
http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr. The
Division of Facilities Compliance and
Recovery notes that as set by 42 CFR
124.505(b), the effective date of this
update of the poverty guidelines for
facilities obligated under the Hill-
Burton Uncompensated Services
Program is sixty days from the date of
this publication.

For information about the percentage
multiple of the poverty guidelines to be
used on immigration forms such as
USCIS Form I–864, Affidavit of Support,
contact U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services. To obtain
information on the most recent
applicable poverty guidelines from U.S.
Citizenship and Immigration Services,
call 1–800–375–3283. Persons with
Internet access may obtain the
information from the U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration Services Internet site at
http://uscis.gov/graphics/howdoi/
affsupp.htm.

For information about the Department of
Labor’s Lower Living Standard
Income Level (an alternative eligibility
criterion with the poverty guidelines for
certain programs under the Workforce
Investment Act of 1998), contact Janeice
Youngblood, Employment and Training
Administration, U.S. Department of
Labor—telephone: (202) 693–3606—e–
mall: youngblood.janeice@dol.gov;
persons with Internet access may visit
the Employment and Training
Administration’s Lower Living Standard
For information about the number of people in poverty since 1959 or about the Census Bureau poverty thresholds, contact the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division information staff (HHES-Info), Room G251, Federal Office Building #3, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–8500—telephone: (301) 763–3242.
Persons with Internet access may visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau’s Internet site at http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html or the U.S. Census Bureau Question and Answer Center at http://ask.census.gov.

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For family units with more than 8 persons, add $4,080 for each additional person.

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For family units with more than 8 persons, add $3,750 for each additional person.

Separate poverty guideline figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period. Note that the Census Bureau poverty thresholds—the version of the poverty measure used for statistical purposes—have never had separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii. The poverty guidelines are not defined for Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Palau. In cases in which a Federal program using the poverty guidelines serves any of those jurisdictions, the Federal office that administers the program is responsible for deciding whether to use the contiguous-states-and-D.C. guidelines for those jurisdictions or to follow some other procedure.

The preceding figures are the 2005 update of the poverty guidelines required by section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1991 (Pub. L. 97–35—reauthorized by Pub. L. 105–285, Section 201 (1998)). As required by law, this update reflects last year’s change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI–U); it was done using the same procedure used in previous years. (The poverty guidelines are calculated each year from the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds—not from the previous year’s guidelines. Besides the inflation adjustment, the guidelines are also rounded and adjusted to standardize the differences between family sizes.)

Section 673(2) of OBRA–1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the use of these poverty guidelines as an eligibility criterion for the Community Services Block Grant program. The poverty guidelines are also used as an eligibility criterion by a number of other Federal programs (both HHS and non-HHS). Due to confusing legislative language dating back to 1972, the poverty guidelines have sometimes been mistakenly referred to as the “OMB” (Office of Management and Budget) poverty guidelines or poverty line. In fact, OMB has never issued the guidelines; the guidelines are issued each year by the Department of Health and Human Services. The poverty guidelines may be formally referenced as “the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).”

The poverty guidelines are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds that the Census Bureau uses for statistical purposes—to prepare its estimates of the number of persons and families in poverty. The poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services are used for administrative purposes—for instance, for determining whether a person or family is financially eligible for assistance or services under a particular Federal program. Since the poverty guidelines in this notice—the 2005 guidelines—reflect price changes through calendar year 2004, they are approximately equal to the poverty thresholds for calendar year 2004 which the Census Bureau expects to issue in August 2005. (A preliminary version of the 2004 thresholds is now available from the Census Bureau.)

In certain cases, as noted in the relevant authorizing legislation or program regulations, a program uses the poverty guidelines as only one of several eligibility criteria, or uses a percentage multiple of the guidelines (for example, 125 percent or 185 percent of the guidelines). Non-Federal organizations that use the poverty guidelines under their own authority in non-Federally-funded activities can choose to use a percentage multiple of the guidelines such as 125 percent or 185 percent.

In some cases, these poverty guidelines may not become effective for a particular program until a regulation or notice specifically applying to the program in question has been issued. The poverty guidelines given above should be used for both farm and non-farm families. Similarly, these guidelines should be used for both aged and non-aged units. The poverty guidelines have never had an aged/non-aged distinction; only the Census Bureau poverty thresholds have separate figures for aged and non-aged one-person and two-person units.

Note that this notice no longer provides definitions of “income,” “family,” “unrelated individual,” and “household.” This is because there are no universal administrative definitions of these terms that are valid for all programs that use the poverty guidelines. Since the definitions previously included were illustrative only and were not meant to be binding, it was decided to omit them. To find out whether income is before taxes or after taxes, or whether a particular type of income should be counted in determining eligibility for a specific program, or for what time period income should be counted, or what precise definition of “family” or “household” is used by a particular program, or whether a particular person should be counted in determining income eligibility, please consult the office or organization administering the program.
program in question; that office or organization has the responsibility for making decisions about such definitions (to the extent that the definition is not already contained in legislation or regulations).


Michael O. Leavitt,
Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10134 and CMS–10138]

Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collections referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB’s regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration and is required in order to meet the demands of new legislation. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because of statutory deadlines.

The Benefits Improvement & Protection Act of 2000 mandated the Physician Group Practice (PGP) Demonstration and gave the Secretary discretion to use quality measures to assess physician performance in order to reward them for improvements in the quality and efficiency of health care. The Medicare Care Management Performance (MCMP) Demonstration was authorized by Section 649 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). The project requires the Secretary to establish a pay-for-performance 3-year pilot with physicians to promote the adoption and use of health information technology to improve the quality of patient care for chronically ill Medicare patients. This demonstration represents the first pay for performance project fostering the adoption of health information technology in small physician group practices and will enable a test of the concept to improve the quality and efficiency of care in Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicare.; Form Number: CMS–10134 (OMB# 0938–NEW); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 800; Total Annual Responses: 800; Total Annual Hours: 15,200.

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/pra/, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to 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 received by the designee referenced below by March 18, 2005: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Dawn Willingham, CMS–10134 and CMS–10138, 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, Attn.: Christopher Martin, Desk Officer, Fax # 202–395–6974.