

became effective on June 5, 2006. Specifically, we are seeking OMB approval for the following terms of clearance identified in the Notice of Action dated October 16, 2006, of which OMB has requested CMS to monitor the paperwork burden required of providers and suppliers to determine if the paperwork requirements impose any unnecessary burden on the industry and/or need to be revised in order to improve the utility of the information.

After analyzing the documentation requirements burden, CMS does not believe that the documentation requirements impose any additional unnecessary burden on the durable medical equipment (DME) Industry. We believe that most physicians are already conducting a face-to-face examination before prescribing a wheelchair. Given that physicians and treating practitioners can now prescribe power-operated vehicles (POVs), thereby removing the requirement that a specialist can order a POV, CMS believes that the increased burden of 48,600 hours for physicians and treating practitioners is based on the Congressional decision to allow a broader range of physicians and treating practitioners to prescribe POVs. This increased burden is offset by the new payments implemented in connection with the Final Rule, which is demonstrated by the shift in prescriptions from one class of equipment, power wheelchairs, to another class of equipment, POVs.

In addition, CMS believes that with the recent coverage decision on Mobility Assistive Equipment, the implementing details in the Final Rule (e.g., improved documentation for suppliers; physician and treating practitioner payments; improved classification of mobility equipment; the elimination of the certificate of medical necessity (CMN)), and the provider outreach and education provided by CMS, the DME program safeguard contractors (PSCs) and DME Medicare administrative contractors (MACs), the needs of mobility-impaired beneficiaries and the needs of suppliers have been better met. *Frequency*: Recordkeeping—On occasion; *Affected Public*: Business or for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local or Tribal governments; *Number of Respondents*: 38,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 243,000; *Total Annual Hours*: 48,600.

9. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs); *Use*: Under the Medicare

Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization (MMA), Medicare Advantage organizations (MAO) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) are required to submit an actuarial pricing “bid” for each plan offered to Medicare beneficiaries. CMS requires that MAOs and PDPs complete the BPT as part of the annual bidding process. During this process, organizations prepare their proposed actuarial bid pricing for the upcoming contract year and submit them to CMS for review and approval. The purpose of the BPT is to collect the actuarial pricing information for each plan. The BPT calculates the plan’s bid, enrollee premiums, and payment rates. *Form Number*: CMS–10142 (OMB#: 0938–0944); *Frequency*: Yearly; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 550 *Total Annual Responses*: 6,050; *Total Annual Hours*: 42,350.

10. *Type of Information Collection Request*: New collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Disclosures to Patients by Certain Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals; *Form Numbers*: CMS–10225 (OMB#: 0938–New); *Use*: There is no Medicare prohibition against physician investment in a hospital or critical access hospital (CAH). Likewise, there is no Medicare requirement that a hospital or CAH have a physician on-site at all times, although there is a requirement that they be able to provide basic elements of emergency care to their patients. Medicare quality and safety standards are designed to provide a national framework that is sufficiently flexible to apply simultaneously to hospitals of varying sizes, offering varying ranges of services in differing settings across the Nation. At the same time, however, patients might consider an ownership interest by their referring physician and/or the presence of a physician on-site to be important factors in their decisions about where to seek hospital care. A well-educated consumer is essential to improving the quality and efficiency of the healthcare system. Accordingly, patients should be made aware of the physician ownership of a hospital, whether or not a physician is present in the hospital at all times, and the hospital’s plans to address patients’ emergency medical conditions when a physician is not present. The intent of the proposed disclosures are increase the transparency of the hospital’s ownership and operations to patients as they make decisions about receiving care at the hospital.

Based on public comments received during the 60-day comment period for the **Federal Register** notice (72 FR

21024) for this information collection request, we revised our burden estimates to include the burden associated with the physician-ownership disclosure and recordkeeping requirement for outpatient visits. In addition, we revised the burden associated with the disclosure requirement for critical access hospitals that may not have a physician on-site at all times to account for outpatient visits as well. *Frequency*: Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public*: Business or for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 2,679; *Total Annual Responses*: 52,984,510; *Total Annual Hours*: 839,599.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, 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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer:

OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974.

Dated: August 9, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2007N–0306]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Current Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations for Type A Medicated Articles

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, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the recordkeeping requirements for current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) regulations for Type A medicated articles.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by October 15, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments> or <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Division of Dockets Management (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: Denver Presley, Jr., Office of the Chief Information Officer (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1472.

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, including each proposed extension of an existing 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 these topics: (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; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Current Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations for Type A Medicated Articles—21 CFR Part 226 (OMB Control Number 0910-0154)—Extension

Under section 501 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 351), FDA has the statutory authority to issue cGMP regulations for drugs, including Type A medicated articles. A Type A medicated article is a feed product containing a concentrated drug diluted with a feed carrier substance. A Type A medicated article is intended solely for use in the manufacture of another Type A medicated article or a Type B or Type C medicated feed. Medicated feeds are administered to animals for the

prevention, cure, mitigation, or treatment of disease or for growth promotion and feed efficiency.

Statutory requirements for cGMPs for Type A medicated articles have been codified under part 226 (21 CFR part 226). Type A medicated articles which are not manufactured in accordance with these regulations are considered adulterated under section 501(a)(2)(B) of the act. Under part 226, a manufacturer is required to establish, maintain, and retain records for type A medicated articles, including records to document procedures required under the manufacturing process to assure that proper quality control is maintained. Such records would, for example, contain information concerning receipt and inventory of drug components, batch production, laboratory assay results (i.e., batch and stability testing) and product distribution.

This information is needed so that FDA can monitor drug usage and possible misformulation of Type A medicated articles. The information could also prove useful to FDA in investigating product defects when a drug is recalled. In addition, FDA will use the cGMP criteria under part 226 to determine whether or not the systems used by manufacturers of Type A medicated articles are adequate to assure that their medicated articles meet the requirements of the act as to safety and also meet the article's claimed identity, strength, quality, and purity, as required by section 501(a)(2)(B) of the act.

The respondents for Type A medicated articles are pharmaceutical firms that manufacture both human and veterinary drugs, those firms that produce only veterinary drugs, and commercial feed mills.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECORDKEEPING BURDEN¹

| 21 CFR Section | No. of Recordkeepers | Annual Frequency of Recordkeeping | Total Annual Records | Hours per Recordkeeper | Total |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 226.42 | 115 | 260 | 29,000 | 0.75 | 22,425 |
| 226.58 | 115 | 260 | 29,000 | 1.75 | 52,325 |
| 226.80 | 115 | 260 | 29,000 | 0.75 | 22,425 |
| 226.102 | 115 | 260 | 24,000 | 1.75 | 52,325 |
| 226.110 | 115 | 260 | 29,000 | 0.25 | 7,475 |
| 226.115 | 115 | 10 | 1,150 | 0.5 | 575 |
| Total | | | | | 157,550 |

¹There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

The estimate of the time required for record preparation and maintenance is based on agency communications with industry. Other information needed to calculate the total burden hours (i.e., manufacturing sites, number of Type A medicated articles being manufactured, etc.) are derived from agency records and experience.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2007N-0305]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Current Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations for Medicated Feeds

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, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the recordkeeping requirements for current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) regulations for medicated feeds.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by October 15, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments> or <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm.

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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, including each proposed extension of an existing 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 these topics: (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; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Current Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations for Medicated Feeds—21 CFR Part 225 (OMB Control Number 0910-0152)—Extension

Under section 501 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act)

(21 U.S.C. 351), FDA has the statutory authority to issue cGMP regulations for drugs, including medicated feeds. Medicated feeds are administered to animals for the prevention, cure, mitigation, or treatment of disease, or growth promotion and feed efficiency. Statutory requirements for cGMPs have been codified under part 225 (21 CFR part 225). Medicated feeds that are not manufactured in accordance with these regulations are considered adulterated under section 501(a)(2)(B) of the act. Under part 225, a manufacturer is required to establish, maintain, and retain records for a medicated feed, including records to document procedures required during the manufacturing process to assure that proper quality control is maintained. Such records would, for example, contain information concerning receipt and inventory of drug components, batch production, laboratory assay results (i.e. batch and stability testing), labels, and product distribution.

This information is needed so that FDA can monitor drug usage and possible misformulation of medicated feeds, to investigate violative drug residues in products from treated animals and to investigate product defects when a drug is recalled. In addition, FDA will use the cGMP criteria under part 225 to determine whether or not the systems and procedures used by manufacturers of medicated feeds are adequate to assure that their feeds meet the requirements of the act as to safety and also that they meet their claimed identity, strength, quality, and purity, as required by section 501(a)(2)(B) of the act.

A license is required when the manufacturer of a medicated feed involves the use of a drug or drugs that FDA has determined requires more control because of the need for a withdrawal period before slaughter or because of carcinogenic concerns. Conversely, a license is not required and the recordkeeping requirements are less demanding for those medicated feeds for which FDA has determined that the drugs used in their manufacture need less control.

Respondents to this collection of information are commercial feed mills and mixer-feeders.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: