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Authority: Section 945 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: 45 CFR 1303—Appeal Procedures for Head Start Grantees and

Current or Prospective Delegate Agencies.

OMB No. 0980-0242.

Description: Section 646 of the Head Start Act requires the Secretary to prescribe a timeline for conducting administrative hearings when adverse actions are taken or proposed against Head Start or Early Head Start grantees or delegate agencies. The Head Start Bureau is proposing to renew without changes the rule that implements these requirements and that prescribes when a grantee must submit information and what that information should include to support a contention that adverse action should not be taken.

Respondents: Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and delegate agencies against which the Head Start Bureau has taken or proposes to take adverse actions.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 45 CFR 1303—Appeal Procedures for Head Start Grantees and Current or Prospective Delegate Agencies | 20 | 1 | 26 | 520 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 520.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Infant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Supporting Healthy Marriage (SHM) Project Baseline Data Collection.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is conducting a demonstration and evaluation called the Supporting Healthy Marriage (SHM) Project. Based on a substantial body of research that has shown a relationship between healthy marriages and a variety of positive child and family outcomes,

the project is a large-scale, multi-site, multi-year, rigorous test of marriage education programs for interested low-income married couples with children. The SHM Project is designed to inform program operators and policymakers of the most effective ways to help couples who voluntarily choose to participate in demonstrations designed to strengthen and maintain healthy marriages.

The baseline data collection will serve several key functions in the SHM study. It will help describe the population being served, which will be useful to the programs themselves, to other marriage education program providers, and to policymakers who seek to understand the characteristics of couples that are interested in marriage education services. It will allow the SHM team to define and conduct analyses of key subgroups, addressing the key study question of who benefits most and least from marriage education services. A baseline data collection will also increase the precision of estimated impacts and allow the research team to conduct analyses using pre- and post-intervention measures. Lastly, the baseline data collection is an opportunity to collect participant contact information, to check the validity of random assignment, and to