must be prepared to provide a government-issued photo identification. Access may be denied to persons without proper identification. Security measures will also include inspection of vehicles, inside and out, at the entrance to the grounds. In addition, all persons entering the building must pass through a metal detector. All items brought to CMS, including personal items, computers, electronics, and cell phones are subject to physical inspection.

Authority: Section 302 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) (Pub. L. 108–173).

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

Dated: August 17, 2004.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003N–0508]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of Office of Management and Budget Approval; Focus Groups as Used by the Food and Drug Administration

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled ''Focus Groups as Used by the Food and Drug Administration'' has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonna Capezzuto, Office of Management Programs (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–4659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of March 9, 2004 (69 FR 11019), the agency announced that the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910–0497. The approval expires on February 28, 2006. A copy of the supporting statement for this information collection is available on the Internet at *http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets*.

Dated: August 20, 2004.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–1129.

Comments are invited 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) ways to enhance 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.

Proposed Project: Free Clinic—FTCA Deeming Application (NEW.)

Congress legislated FTCA medical malpractice protection for free clinic volunteer health professionals through Section 194 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) amending Section 224 of the Public Health Service Act. Individuals eligible to participate in this program are health care practitioners volunteering at free clinics who meet specific eligibility requirements. If an individual meets all the requirements of this program they can be ''deemed'' to be a Federal employee. This deemed status is specifically to provide immunity from medical malpractice lawsuits as a result of the performance of medical, surgical, dental, or related activities within the scope of the volunteer's work at the free clinic.

The sponsoring free clinic entity must submit an application to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This application will require information about the sponsoring free clinic's credentialing system, risk management practices, and quality assurance system in order to ensure the Government is not exposed to undue liability resulting from the medical malpractice coverage of non-qualified health care professionals. Attached to the application will be a listing of specific health care providers for whom the sponsoring free clinic is requesting deemed status.

Estimates of annualized reporting burden are as follows:

Type of form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
FTCA Deeming Application	600	1	600	2.5	1,500
Total	600	.....	600	.....	1,500