The location and cause of each inmate death that took place in their custody during the reporting quarter; (b) In cases where the cause of death was illness/natural causes (including AIDS), whether or not the cause of each inmate death was the result of a pre-existing medical condition, and whether or not the inmate had been receiving treatment for that medical condition; (i) In cases where the cause of death was accidental injury, suicide, or homicide, when and where the incident causing the inmate’s death took place.

To measure the law enforcement deaths BJS asks State-level central reporters (one reporter from each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia) from each State’s criminal justice Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) to provide information for the following categories: (a) During each reporting quarter, the number of deaths of persons in the custody of State and local law enforcement during the process of arrest; (b) The deceased’s name, date of birth, gender, race/Hispanic origin, and legal status at time of death; (c) The date and location of death, the manner and medical cause of death, and whether an autopsy was performed; (d) The law enforcement agency involved, and the offenses for which the inmate was being charged; (e) In cases of death prior to booking, whether death was the result of a pre-existing medical condition or injuries sustained at the crime or arrest scene, and whether the officer(s) involved used any weapons to cause the death; (f) In cases of death prior to booking, whether the deceased was under restraint in the time leading up to the death, and whether their behavior at the arrest scene included threats or the use of any force against the arresting officers; (g) In cases of death after booking, the time and date of the deceased’s entry into the law enforcement booking facility where the death occurred, and the medical and mental condition of the deceased at the time of entry; (h) In cases of accidental, homicide or suicide deaths after booking, who and what were the means of death (e.g., suicide by means of hanging).

The Bureau of Justice Statistics uses this information to publish statistics on deaths in custody. These reports will be made available to the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, practitioners, researchers, students, the media, and others interested in criminal justice and data.

(5) An estimated 3,235 total respondents will submit an estimated 16,455 responses each year to this collection program. The amount of time needed for an average respondent to complete each form is broken down as follows:

Local jails/quarterly (forms CJ–9 and CJ–10)—3,083 respondents (At least 90% of jails nationwide have zero deaths in a given calendar quarter; these respondents will need an average of 5 minutes to respond. For those jurisdictions with a death to report, the average response time will be 30 minutes per death.)

Local jails/annual (forms CJ–9A and CJ–10A)—3,083 respondents (average response time = 15 minutes)

State prisons/quarterly (form NPS–4)—50 respondents (average response time = 5 minutes)

State prisons addendum/quarterly (form NPS–4A)—50 respondents (average response time = 30 minutes per reported death).

State juvenile corrections/quarterly (form NPS–5)—51 respondents (average response time = 5 minutes).

State juvenile corrections addendum/quarterly (NPS–5A)—51 respondents (average response time = 30 minutes per reported death).

State and local law enforcement/quarterly (CJ–11)—51 respondents (average response time = 5 minutes).

State and local law enforcement addendum/quarterly (CJ–11A)—51 respondents (average response time = 60 minutes per reported death).

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The estimated total public burden hours associated with this collection is 4,609 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.


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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request
Definition of “Plan Assets”—
Participant Contributions

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (the Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that the data the Department collects can be provided in the desired format, that the reporting burden on the public (time and financial resources) is minimized, that the public understands the Department’s collection instruments, and that the Department can accurately assess the impact of its collection requirements on respondents.

Currently, the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments concerning an extension of the current approval of the information collection in the regulation entitled Definition of Plan Assets—Participant Contributions, codified at 29 CFR 2510.3–102. A copy of EBSA’s proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments regarding the ICR and burden estimates to Susan G. Lahne, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Comments may be submitted in writing to the above address, via facsimile to (202) 219–4745, or electronically to the following Internet e-mail address: ebsa.opr@dol.gov. You may contact Ms. Lahne for further information at (202) 693–8410. These telephone numbers are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The regulation concerning plan assets and participant contributions provides guidance for fiduciaries, participants, and beneficiaries of employee benefit plans regarding how participant contributions to pension plans must be handled when they are either paid to the employer by the participant or directly withheld by the employer from the employee’s wages for transmission to the pension plan. In particular, the regulation sets standards for the timely delivery of such participant contributions, including an outside time limit for the employer’s holding of
The Department of Labor (Department) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

This notice requests comments on an extension of the ICR included in the regulation governing the definition of “plan assets” as related to participant contributions. The Department is not proposing or implementing changes to the existing ICR at this time. A summary of the ICR and the current burden estimates follows:

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Title: Definition of Plan Assets—Participant Contributions.

OMB Number: 1210–0100.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; individuals.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Frequency: On occasion.
Number of Annual Responses: 251.
Total Burden Hours: 3.
Total Burden Cost (Operating and Maintenance): $300.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.


Susan G. Lahne,  
Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection: Comment Request National Medical Support Notice—Part B

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (the Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that the data the Department collects can be provided in the desired format, that the reporting burden on the public (time and financial resources) is minimized, that the public understands the Department’s collection instruments, and that the Department can accurately assess the impact of its collection requirements on respondents.

Currently, the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is soliciting comments concerning an extension of the current approval of the information collections in the regulation entitled National Medical Support Notice—Part B. A copy of EBSA’s proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to the office shown in the ADDRESSES section on or before March 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments regarding the ICR and burden estimates to Susan G. Lahne, Office of Policy and Research, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Comments may be submitted in writing to the above address, via facsimile to (202) 210–4745, or electronically to the following Internet e-mail address: ebsa.opr@dol.gov. You may contact Ms. Lahne for further information at (202) 693–8410. The above-listed telephone numbers are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 609(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), requires each group health plan, as defined in ERISA section 607(1), to provide benefits in accordance with the applicable requirements of any “qualified medical child support order” (QMCSO). A QMCSO is, generally, an order issued by a state court or other competent state authority that requires a group health plan to provide group health coverage to a child or children of an employee eligible for coverage under the plan. In accordance with Congressional directives contained in the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998, EBSA and the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) cooperated in the development of regulations to create a National Medical Support Notice (NMSN or Notice). The Notice simplifies the establishment and processing of qualified medical child support orders issued by state child support enforcement agencies; provides for standardized communication between state agencies, employers, and plan administrators; and creates a uniform and streamlined process for enforcement of medical child support obligations ordered by state child support enforcement agencies. The NMSN comprises two parts: Part A was promulgated by HHS and pertains to state child support enforcement agencies; Part B was promulgated by the Department and pertains to plan administrators pursuant to ERISA. This solicitation of public comment relates only to Part B of the NMSN, which was promulgated by the Department. In connection with promulgation of Part B of the NMSN, the Department submitted an ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, and OMB approved the information collections contained in the Part B regulation under OMB control number 1210–0113.