

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
(Form 13411)**

**1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

Form 13441, Health Coverage Tax Credit Registration Form, will be directly mailed to all individuals who are potentially eligible for the HCTC. Potentially eligible individuals will use this form to determine if they are eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit and to register for the HCTC program. Participation in this program is voluntary. This form will be submitted by the individual to the HCTC program office in a postage-paid, return envelope. We will accept faxed forms, if necessary. Additionally, recipients may call the HCTC call center for help in completing this form.

Internal Revenue Code Sections 35 and 7527 enacted by public law 107-210 (see attachment) require the Internal Revenue Service to make the advance HCTC Program available to eligible individuals beginning August 1, 2003. Form 13441 will help taxpayers determine if they are eligible for the credit and understand what they need to do to receive it.

**2. USE OF DATA**

Only the data pertaining to administering the payment of the HCTC will be used. This information is gathered to ensure individuals applying for the credit are eligible to receive it.

**3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN**

There are no plans to provide electronic filing because electronic filing is not appropriate for the collection of information in this submission.

**4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION**

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

**5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES**

Not applicable.

**6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES**

Not applicable.

**7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)**

Not applicable.

**8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS**

The Health Coverage Tax Credit program representatives have requested input to Form 13441, from its implementation partners including Department of Labor and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

In response to the Federal Register Notice dated June 19, 2006 (71 F. R. 35339), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 13441.

**9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS**

Not applicable.

**10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES**

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

**11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS**

Not applicable.

**12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION**

The burden estimate is as follows:

	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Time per Response</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Form 13441	156,000	.50	78,000

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown are not available at this time.

**13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS**

As suggested by OMB, our Federal Register notice dated June 19, 2006, requested public comments on estimates of cost burden that are not captured in the estimates of burden hours, i.e., estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. However, we did not receive any response from taxpayers on this subject. As a result, estimates of the cost burdens are not available at this time.

**14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The primary cost to the government consists of the cost of printing Form 13411. We estimate that the cost of printing the form per year is \$65,000.

**15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN**

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

**16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION**

Not applicable.

**17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE**

See attachment.

**18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB FORM 83-I**

Not applicable.

**Note:** The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.