

Information Collection: Information Collection Requirements Referenced in 42 CFR 424.57: Additional DMEPOS Supplier Standards; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-215 (OMB# 0938-0717); *Use:* The respondents for these information collection requirements are suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS). HCFA requires a current copy of a DMEPOS supplier's surety bond and, upon request, documentation that the DMEPOS supplier has both advised beneficiaries that they may either rent or purchase inexpensive or routinely purchased equipment and discussed the purchase option for capped rental equipment. Both of these criteria are necessary to determine if the supplier has met these supplier standards.; *Frequency:* Annually, On occasion; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 65,400; *Total Annual Responses:* 21,800; *Total Annual Hours:* 272,863.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Wendy Taylor, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Supplier survey; *Form No.:* HCFA-10019 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* This survey is necessary to collect access, quality, and financial performance information from suppliers of durable medical equipment. These key elements of the evaluation cannot be thoroughly evaluated without a supplier survey. The information will be presented to HCFA and to Congress, who will use the results to determine whether the demonstration should be extended to other sites; *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 340; *Total Annual Responses:* 340; *Total Annual Hours:* 620.

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AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration.

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Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Advance Beneficiary Notice and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 411.404, 411.406, and 411.408; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-131 (OMB# 0938-0566); *Use:* Physicians, practitioners, suppliers, and providers furnishing Part A or Part B items or services may bill a patient for items or services denied by Medicare as not reasonable and necessary, under Medicare program standards, if they inform the patient, before furnishing the items or services, that Medicare is likely to deny payment for the items or services and the patient, after being so informed, agrees to pay for the items or services; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of*