

(4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Request:

Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare+Choice (M+C) Provider Sponsored Organization (PSO) Waiver Request Form and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.370–422.378; *Form Number:* CMS–R–231 (0938–0722); *Use:* The PSO waiver request form is for use by PSO's that do not have a State risk-bearing entity licence and that wish to enter into a M+C contract with CMS to provide prepaid health care services to eligible Medicare beneficiaries. CMS will use the information requested on this form to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a waiver of the state licensure requirement for M+C organizations as allowed under section 1855(a)(2) of the Social Security Act.; *Frequency:* One-time.; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.; *Annual Number of Respondents:* 10.; *Total Annual Responses:* 10.; *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 100.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS's Web Site Address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, 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 designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 10, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) (formerly known as 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: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Application Form and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 493.1—.2001; *Form No.:* HCFA–116 (OMB# 0938–0581); *Use:* Certification requirements have been established for any entity that performs testing on human beings for diagnostic or treatment purposes. Laboratories must apply for and obtain a certificate in order to perform this testing; *Frequency:* Biennially; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, Not for profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 16,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 16,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 20,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS 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: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index Fiscal Year 2001; Correction Notice

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Correction of notice.

SUMMARY: This document corrects technical errors that appeared in the notice published in the **Federal Register**, (65 FR 60072) on October 6, 2000 entitled “Hospice Wage Index.” **EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Riley, (410) 786–1286.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the October 6, 2000 notice entitled “Hospice Wage Index,” there were several technical and typographic errors. Due to the typographical errors, we are correcting several hospice wage index values as published in the October 6, 2000 notice (65 FR 60072). Specifically, Table A reflects the correct hospice wage index values for MSA code numbers, 0600, 0840, 1950, 1960, 2000, 2020, 2040, 2840, 2880, 3285, 5140, 5483, 6020, 6483, 6640, 6780, 6800, and 8160. Table B lists the correct hospice wage index value for MSA code number 9950. This Correction Notice conforms the published hospice wage index values to the values used to make payment as of October 1, 2000.

In addition, the MSA code numbers 8050 through 8800 on page 60079 in Table A were inadvertently misplaced. We are correcting Table A by moving MSA codes 8050 through 8800 to be