

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:* Medicare Plus Choice Program Requirements Referenced in 42 CFR 422.000–422.700; *Form No.* CMS–R–267 (OMB# 0938–0753); *Use:* Section 4001 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 added sections 1851 through 1859 to the Social Security Act to establish a new Part C of the Medicare Program, known as the Medicare + Choice Program. Under this program, every individual entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled under Part B may elect to receive benefits through either the existing Medicare fee-for-service program or a Part C M + C Plan. The regulations implementing these sections was published on June 26, 1998. The regulations revising these sections was published on February 17, 1999 and June 29, 2000.; *Frequency:* As Needed; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, federal government, not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Gov't.; *Number of Respondents:* 2,450; *Total Annual Responses:* 7,657,534; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,120,006.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms 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, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention:, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (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:* Information Collection Requirements in Final Peer Review Organization Sanction Regulations—42 CFR 1004.40, 1004.50, 1004.60, and 1004.70; *Form No.:* CMS–R–65 (OMB# 0938–0444); *Use:* This final rule updates the procedures governing the imposition and adjudication of program sanctions predicated on the recommendations of Peer Review Organizations (PROs). These changes are being made as a result of statutory revisions designed to address health care fraud and abuse issues and the OIG sanction process; *Frequency:* On occasion; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions and

Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 53; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,060; *Total Annual Hours:* 22,684. To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms 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, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto: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 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of CMS Enterprise Standards, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room N2–14–26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

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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 Services (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,