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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* National Public Health Performance Standards Program State Public Health System Assessment—New—Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Since 1998, the CDC National Public Health Performance Standards Program has convened workgroups with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), the American Public Health Association (APHA), and the Public Health Foundation (PHF) to develop performance standards for public health systems based on the essential services of public health. In the fall of 2000, CDC conducted field tests with the state public health survey instruments in Hawaii, Minnesota, and Mississippi.

CDC is now proposing to implement a formal, voluntary data collection, based on the lessons learned during field testing, to assess the capacity of state public health systems to deliver the Essential Services of Public Health.

Electronic data submission will be the method of choice when state and territorial health departments complete the public health assessment.

An estimated 33 percent of the 59 state and territorial health departments are expected to participate in the National Performance Standards Program during the first year. In year two, an additional 25 percent and in year three, 22 percent. The total burden hours are estimated to be 720.

Data collection period	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average Burden per Response (in hrs.)
Year 1 ...	20	1	15
Year 2 ...	15	1	15
Year 3 ...	13	1	15

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*Proposed Project:* National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) OMB No. 0920-0278—Revision—National Center for Health Statistics, (NCHS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) has been

conducted annually since 1992 and is directed by the Division of Health Care Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC. The purpose of the NHAMCS is to meet the needs and demands for statistical information about the provision of ambulatory medical care services in the United States. Ambulatory services are rendered in a wide variety of settings, including physicians' offices and hospital outpatient and emergency departments. The target universe of the NHAMCS is in-person visits made in the U.S. to outpatient departments and emergency departments of non-Federal, short-stay hospitals (hospitals with an average length of stay of less than 30 days) or those whose specialty is general (medical or surgical) or children's general. The NHAMCS was initiated to complement the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS, OMB No. 0920-0234) which provides similar data concerning patient visits to physicians' offices. The NAMCS and NHAMCS are the principal sources of data on approximately 90 percent of ambulatory care provided in the United States.

The NHAMCS provides a range of baseline data on the characteristics of the users and providers of ambulatory medical care. Data collected include patients' demographic characteristics and reason(s) for visit, and the physicians' diagnosis(es), diagnostic equipment and services, medications, and disposition. These data, together with trend data, may be used to monitor the effects of change in the health care system, for the planning of health services, improving medical education, determining health care work force needs, and assessing the health status of the population.

Users of NHAMCS data include, but are not limited to, congressional offices, Federal agencies such as NIH, state and local governments, schools of public health, colleges and universities, private industry, nonprofit foundations, professional associations, as well as individual practitioners, researchers, administrators, and health planners. Uses vary from the inclusion of a few selected statistics in a large research effort, to an in-depth analysis of the entire NHAMCS data set covering several years. The estimated annualized burden for this data collection is 8,809 hours.

Respondents (non-Federal general and short-stay hospitals)	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hrs.)
Induction form: Ineligible hospitals .....	50	1	15/60
Induction form: Eligible hospitals .....	440	1	75/60
Emergency departments .....	400	1	1
Outpatient departments .....	240	5	1
ED Patient Record .....	400	100	5/60
OPD Patient Record .....	240	150	5/60
Pediatric emergency services and equipment .....	400	1	30/60
ESA Staffing and Capacity and Ambulance Diversion Supplement .....	450	1	15/60

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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, 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, 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 Credit Balancing Reporting Requirements and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR 405.371, 405.378, and 413.20; *Form No.:* CMS-838 (OMB# 0938-0600); *Use:* The

collection of credit balance information is needed to ensure that millions of dollars in improper program payments are collected. Approximately 46,700 providers will be required to submit a quarterly credit balance report that identifies the amount of improper payments due Medicare. Fiscal intermediaries will monitor the reports to ensure these funds are collected; *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 46,700; *Total Annual Responses:* 186,800; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,120,800.

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: Julie Brown, CMS-838, 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**

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*Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Program Budget Request; *Form No.:* CMS-37 (OMB# 0938-101); *Use:* The Medicaid Program Budget Request is prepared by the State agencies and is used by CMS for (1) developing National Medicaid Budget estimates; (2) qualification of budget assumptions; (3) the issuance of quarterly Medicaid grant awards, and (4) collection of projected State receipts of donations and taxes; *Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total*