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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & 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 & 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.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* CMSO Survey of States: Performance Measurement Reporting Capability; *Form No.:* CMS-10082 (OMB# 0938-0898); *Use:* Because of the wide variability of Medicaid and SCHIP financing and service delivery approaches, there is little common ground from which to develop uniform

reporting on performance measures by states. While CMS has decided on the first seven measures to be used, the ability of states to calculate those measures using HEDIS directly or HEDIS specifications (e.g., when calculating measures from fee-for-service claims data) is highly variable. Current efforts are focused on assessing the capability of each state to report on the selected measures and on helping states to make necessary adjustments in order to be able to report measures uniformly so that state-to-state comparisons can be made. To accomplish this, states will be requested to report available numerator and denominator data for the seven core HEDIS measures via a survey instrument created for this purpose. The data will be requested for each state's Medicaid and SCHIP programs by delivery system; *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 51; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,360.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* National Provider Identifier (NPI) Application and Update Form and Supporting Regulation in 45 CFR 142.408, 162.406, and 162.408; *Form No.:* CMS-10114 (OMB# 0938-NEW); *Use:* The form will be used by health care providers to apply for NPIs and to update the information collected from them whenever it changes.; *Frequency:* On occasion and/or one-time; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions and Federal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 2,534,902; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,339,830; *Total Annual Hours:* 442,143.

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.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/pral/>, 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 60 days of this notice directly to the CMS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development and Issuances, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room C5-14-03, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

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1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Program: Process for Making National Coverage Determinations; *Form No.:* CMS-R-290 (OMB# 0938-0776); *Use:* These information collection requirements provide the process CMS uses to make a national coverage decision for a specific item or service under sections 1862 and 1871 of the Social Security Act. This streamlines our decision making process and increases the opportunities for public participation in making national coverage decisions.; *Frequency:* Other: as needed; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit