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Frequency: Recordkeeping, Reporting, on occasion.
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To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infcoll/pend/ or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to naomi.cook@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690–6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology, and Finance, Office of Information and Resource Management, Attention: Naomi Cook (4040–0003), Room 531–F, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20201.

Dated: August 18, 2005.

Robert E. Polson,
Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Secretary
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Grants.gov Program Management Office; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Grants.gov Program Management Office, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed requirement to establish Government-wide standard data elements for use by all Federal grant making agencies—SF–424 Individual.

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Type of Information Collection Request: Regular;

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Form/OMB No.: OS–4040–0005;


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Initial Review Group: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) of October 6, 1972, that the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Initial Review Group, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period extending through August 20, 2007.

For further information, contact Gwen Cattledge, Executive Secretary, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Initial Review Group, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, MS K02, Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3717, telephone 770–488–4655.

The Director, Management and Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: August 26, 2005.

B. Kathy Skipper,
Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–1308–NC]

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Medicare Program; Withdrawal of Ambulance Fee Schedule Issued in Accordance With Federal District Court Order in Lifestar Ambulance, Inc. v. United States, No. 4:02–CV–127–1 (M.D. Ga., Jan. 16, 2003)—Medicare Covered Ambulance Services

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

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice with comment period withdraws the fee schedule that was put in place in 2003 to effect compliance with the Order in Lifestar Ambulance, Inc. v. United States, [211 F.R.D. 688 (M.D. Ga. 2003)] That Order was vacated on January 10, 2005 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and is no longer in force.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS–1308–NC. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

You may submit comments in one of four ways (no duplicates, please):

1. Electronically. You may submit electronic comments to http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/ecomments or to http://www.regulations.gov (attachments should be in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or Excel; however, we prefer Microsoft Word).

2. By mail. You may mail written comments (one original and two copies) to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–1308–NC, P.O. Box 8011, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. By express or overnight mail. You may send written comments (one original and two copies) to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–1308–NC, Mail Stop C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.