

Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC), which provides advice and recommendations to us about clinical issues. This notice announces a public meeting of the Committee.

Meeting Topic: The Committee will discuss evidence and hear presentations and public comments regarding therapies and outcome measures for age-related macular degeneration.

Background information about this topic, including panel materials, is available on the Internet at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/coverage/>.

II. Procedure

This meeting is open to the public. The Committee will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 45 minutes. The Committee can limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make formal presentations, you must notify the Executive Secretary named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section and submit the following by the *Deadline for Presentations and Comments* date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice: a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and a written copy of your presentation. Your presentation should consider the questions we have posed to the Committee and focus on the issues specific to the topic. The questions will be available on our Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcac/default.asp> meetings. We require that you declare at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

After the public and CMS presentations, the Committee will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Committee will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. The Committee will also allow a 15 minute unscheduled open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic. At the conclusion of the day, the members

will vote, and the Committee will make its recommendation.

III. Registration Instructions

The Coverage and Analysis Group is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, individuals must register to attend. You may register by contacting Maria Ellis at 410-786-0309, mailing address: Coverage and Analysis Group, OCSQ; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; 7500 Security Blvd, Mailstop: C1-09-06; Baltimore, MD 21244, or by e-mail at Maria.Ellis@cms.hhs.gov. Please provide your name, address, organization, telephone and fax number, and e-mail address.

You will receive a registration confirmation with instructions for your arrival at the CMS complex. You will be notified if the seating capacity has been reached.

This meeting is located on Federal property; therefore, for security reasons, any individuals wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business on November 22, 2005.

IV. Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

This meeting will be held in a Federal government building; therefore, Federal security measures are applicable. In planning your arrival time, we recommend allowing additional time to clear security.

In order to gain access to the building and grounds, individuals must present photographic identification to the Federal Protective Service or Guard Service personnel before being allowed entrance.

Security measures also include inspection of vehicles, inside and out, at the entrance to the grounds. In addition, all individuals entering the building must pass through a metal detector. All items brought to CMS, whether personal or for the purpose of demonstration or to support a demonstration, are subject to inspection. We cannot assume responsibility for coordinating the receipt, transfer, transport, storage, set-up, safety, or timely arrival of any personal belongings or items used for demonstration or to support a demonstration.

Parking permits and instructions will be issued upon arrival.

Note: *Individuals who are not registered in advance will not be permitted to enter the building and will be unable to attend the meeting.* The public may not enter the building earlier than 30 to 45 minutes prior to the convening of the meeting.

All visitors must be escorted in areas other than the lower and first floor levels in the Central Building.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: July 21, 2005.

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Acting Chief Medical Officer and Acting Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Improper Payments Information Survey for the TANF Program.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: This survey for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program will request that States voluntarily provide information including how they define improper payments in their State, the process used to identify such payments and what actions are taken in the State to reduce or eliminate improper payments. HHS/ACF intends to establish a repository for the State submissions, which will be available to all States for viewing on an HHS/ACF website. This website will provide information that will help States improve their program integrity systems so that improper payments in the TANF program can be reduced.

Respondents: The 50 States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Territories of Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Improper Payments Information Survey for the TANF Program	54	1	24	1,296

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,296 hours

Additional Information:

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address:

grjohnson@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment:

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Attn: Desk Officer for ACF, E-mail address:

Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: September 16, 2005.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: DHHS/ACF/ASPE/DOL Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration and Evaluation: Rhode Island 15-Month Survey Amendment.

OMB No.: 0970-0276.

Description: The Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration and Evaluation Project (HtE) is the most ambitious, comprehensive effort to learn

what works in this area to date and is explicitly designed to build on previous and on going research by rigorously testing a wide variety of approaches to promote employment and improve family functioning and child well-being. The HtE project will “conduct a multi-site evaluation that studies the implementation issues, program design, net impact and benefit-costs of selected programs”¹ designed to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients, former TANF recipients, or low-income parents who are hard-to-employ. The project is sponsored by the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the U.S. Department of labor (DOL).

The evaluation involves an experimental, random assignment design in four sites, testing a diverse set of strategies to promote employment for low-income parents who face serious obstacles to employment. The four include: (1) Intensive care management to facilitate the use of evidence-base treatment for major depression among parents receiving Medicaid in Rhode Island; (2) job-readiness training, worksite placements, job coaching, job development and other training opportunities for recent parolees in New York City; (3) pre-employment services and transitional employment for long-term TANF participants in Philadelphia; and (4) home- and center-based care, enhanced with self-sufficiency services, for low-income families who have young children or are expecting in Kansas and Missouri.

Materials for follow-up surveys for each of these sites were previously submitted to OMB and were approved on April 29, 2005. The purpose of this submission is to introduce an addition to the OMB-approved follow-up survey effort in the Rhode Island site that will be used to collect follow-up data on children’s development.

The additional content we propose for the follow-up survey effort will be used

to address two questions: (1) What are the effects of a telephonic care management intervention for parents’ depression on parents’ parenting and on children’s health, behavior, and development; and (2) To what extent can intervention effects on children’s development be attributed to changes in maternal depressive symptomatology that result from the intervention?

Two follow-up surveys are included in this submission:

1. A 15-month follow-up parent survey that will supplement other information already collected from parents by addressing questions about parenting and children’s well-being.
2. A 15-month follow-up direct child assessment for up to two selected children of these parents. For younger children, this assessment will consist of cognitive and behavioral assessments conducted directly with the children; older children will be administered a survey, in addition to direct assessments.

Respondents: The respondents to these follow-up surveys will be low-income parents and their children from the Rhode Island site currently participating in the HtE Project. As described in the prior OMB submission, these parents are Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and 45 receiving Medicaid through the managed care provider United Behavioral Health (UBH) in Rhode Island who meet study criteria with regard to their risk for depression. Children are the biological, adopted, and step-children of these parents, between the ages of 1 and 18 years of age.

Prior to this follow-up survey, all parents will have completed a more detailed baseline survey, which is required to establish baseline measures of depression and related conditions, in addition to providing critical demographic data. The baseline survey was previously approved by OMB.

The annual burden estimates are detailed below, and the substantive content of each survey will be detailed in the supporting statement attached to the forthcoming 30-day notice.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
RI 15-month, parent survey	560	1	45 minutes or .75 hrs	420
RI 15-month, direct child assessment	980	1	45 minutes or .75 hrs	735

¹ From the Department of Health and Human Services RFP No.: 233-01-0012.