

influenza H5N1 in chickens and ducks in several farms in Gaza.

On April 25, 2006, OIR reported confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 in chickens and ducks in Abidjan district, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire).

Introduction of birds infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 into the United States could lead to outbreaks of disease among birds and among the human population, a significant public health threat. Banning the importation of all avian species from affected countries is an effective means of limiting this threat. HHS/CDC is therefore taking this action to reduce the likelihood of introduction or spread of influenza A H5N1 into the United States.

#### Immediate Action

Therefore, pursuant to 42 CFR 71.32(b), HHS/CDC is amending the February 4, 2004, order to add Gaza, the West Bank, and the Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) to the list of countries subject to the order's embargo of birds and products derived from birds. All other portions of the February 4, 2004, order, as further amended on March 10, 2004, September 28, 2004, December 29, 2005, February 8, 2006, February 22, 2006, February 27, 2006, March 2, 2006, March 15, 2006, March 20, 2006, March 21, 2006; March 29, 2006; April 10, 2006; and April 10, 2006 shall remain in effect until further notice.

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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.

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), 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 function; (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:* Prepaid Health Plan Cost Report; *Use:* Health Maintenance Organizations and Competitive Medical Plans (HMO/CMPs) contracting with the Secretary under section 1876 of the Social Security Act are required to submit a budget and enrollment forecast, four quarterly reports, and a final certified cost report. Health Care Prepayment Plans (HCPPs) contracting with the Secretary under section 1833 of the Social Security Act are required to submit a budget and enrollment forecast, mid-year report, and final cost report. An HMO/CMP is a health care delivery system that furnishes directly or arranges for the delivery of the full spectrum of health services to an enrolled population. A HCPP is a health care delivery system that furnishes directly or arranges for the delivery of certain physician and diagnostics services up to the full spectrum of non-provider Part B health services to an enrolled population. These reports will be used to establish the reasonable cost of delivering covered services furnished to Medicare enrollees by an HMO/CMP or HCPP; *Form Numbers:* CMS-276 (OMB#: 0938-0165); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping, Reporting—Quarterly and Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 45; *Total Annual Responses:* 225; *Total Annual Hours:* 7,860.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed

or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Fax Number: (202) 395-6974.

Dated: April 25, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN 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) 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:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Bids (RFB) for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program; *Use:* The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct competitive bidding programs in which certain suppliers will be awarded contracts to provide certain DMEPOS items to Medicare beneficiaries. Competitive bidding provides a way to harness marketplace dynamics to create incentives for suppliers to provide quality items and