

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket Number NIOSH-135]

Notice of Public Meeting and Availability for Public Comment

AGENCY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting and request for public comment on the proposed national survey of healthcare workers' safety and health and a proposed national survey of employer safety and health practices.

Public Comment Period: April 2, 2008 through July 1, 2008.

Public Meeting Time and Date: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT, April 30, 2008.

Place: Sheraton Cincinnati Airport Hotel, 2826 Terminal Drive, Hebron, Kentucky 41048, (859) 371-6166.

Purpose of the Meeting: To obtain public comment on the content and conduct of a survey of healthcare workers' safety and health practices and a separate survey of healthcare establishment's safety and health practices. Special emphasis will be placed on discussion of the following:

- (1) Content of the survey questionnaires;
- (2) Appropriate methods of conducting the surveys.

Status: The forum will include scientists and representatives from industry, labor, and other stakeholders, and is open to the public. Attendance is limited only by the space available. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 60 people. Interested parties should make hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton Cincinnati Airport Hotel by calling toll free (888) 627-8418 before the cut-off date of 5 p.m. EDT April 8, 2008. A special group rate of \$95 per night plus tax for meeting guests has been negotiated for this meeting. In order to receive the special room rate, you will need to indicate that you will be attending the NIOSH meeting.

Interested parties should confirm their attendance to this meeting by contacting Ms. Kim Collins, meeting

coordinator, at 513-841-4211 or kycollins@cdc.gov by April 15, 2008. Oral comments given at the meeting will be recorded and included in the NIOSH docket number 135. Written comments, including prepared oral comments, will also be accepted at the meeting or by submitting to the NIOSH Docket Office (see address below).

Background: The goal of the healthcare worker survey is to collect information describing hazards, exposures, safety and health practices, and use of exposure controls by occupation and type and size of establishment. The goal of the management survey is to collect information describing facility-based health and safety resources, safety and health management programs, policies and practices for the same health and safety hazards covered in the worker survey, by type and size of establishment.

Preliminary work on this effort included a feasibility study which was completed in 2006. The study assessed the feasibility of collecting self-reported information on health and safety practices from healthcare workers at their workplace. Worker and management questionnaires were developed (based on healthcare stakeholder input) and refined using focus groups/cognitive interviews, and pilot-tested at two large medical centers. Based on the pilot test findings, NIOSH decided that it would be more cost-effective to implement the worker survey as a web-based survey through various professional and labor organizations, rather than through employer establishments. The management questionnaire will be targeted to individuals responsible for facility health and safety, based on a representative sample of healthcare establishments. Although the content of the questionnaires has been fairly well-defined, information will be sought from meeting participants on other important or emerging healthcare safety and health issues for possible inclusion in the questionnaires, as well as other information (see below). The proposed worker and management questionnaires may be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/135>.

Contact Person for Technical Information: Jim Boiano (513) 841-4246, or Karl Sieber (513) 841-4231. Comments on the topics presented in this notice and at the meeting should be mailed to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, MS-C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45226, (513) 533-8611 or fax (513) 533-8285. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to

nioshdocket@cdc.gov or at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/135>. All electronic comments should be formatted in Microsoft Word. All material submitted to the Agency should reference the NIOSH Docket number 135 and be submitted by July 1, 2008.

After the comment period has closed, comments will be able to be accessed electronically at <http://www.cdc.gov/NIOSH> under the link to the NIOSH docket. As appropriate, NIOSH will post comments with the commenters' names, affiliations and other information, on the Internet.

Reference: The proposed worker and management questionnaires may be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/135>.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

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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) 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:* Quarterly

Medicaid Statement of Expenditures for the Medical Assistance Program; *Use*: The State Medicaid Agencies use the form CMS-64 to report their actual program benefit costs and administrative expenses to CMS. CMS uses this information to compute the Federal financial participation for the State's Medicaid Program costs. *Form Number*: CMS-64 (OMB# 0938-0067); *Frequency*: Quarterly; *Affected Public*: State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents*: 56; *Total Annual Responses*: 224; *Total Annual Hours*: 18,144.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Quarterly Children's Health Insurance Program Statement of Expenditures for Title XXI; *Use*: States use the form CMS-21 to report budget, expenditure, and related statistical information required for implementation of the Children's Health Insurance Program. *Form Number*: CMS-21 and 21B (OMB# 0938-0731); *Frequency*: Quarterly; *Affected Public*: State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents*: 56; *Total Annual Responses*: 448; *Total Annual Hours*: 7,840.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: The Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements; *Use*: CMS is assigned responsibility for overseeing all Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAO) on-going financial performance. CMS needs the requested collection of information to establish that each MAO maintains a fiscally sound organization. *Form Number*: CMS-906 (OMB# 0938-0469); *Frequency*: Yearly; *Affected Public*: Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 700; *Total Annual Responses*: 700; *Total Annual Hours*: 233.

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, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must

be submitted in one of the following ways by June 2, 2008:

1. *Electronically*. You may submit your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail*. You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number _____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

Michelle Shortt,

Director, Regulations Development Group,
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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.

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 without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of*

Information Collection: Limitations on Provider Related Donations and Health Care Related Taxes; Limitation on Payments for Disproportionate Share Hospitals and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 433.68, 433.74 and 447.272; *Use*: This information collection is necessary to ensure compliance with Sections 1903 and 1923 of the Social Security Act for the purpose of preventing payments of Federal financial participation on amounts prohibited by statute. *Form Number*: CMS-R-148 (OMB# 0938-0618); *Frequency*: Quarterly and occasionally; *Affected Public*: State, Local or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents*: 50; *Total Annual Responses*: 40; *Total Annual Hours*: 3,200.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Granting and Withdrawal of Deeming Authority to Private Nonprofit Accreditation Organizations and of State Exemption Under State Laboratory Programs and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 493.551-493.557. *Form Number*: CMS-R-185 (OMB# 0938-0686); *Frequency*: On occasion; *Affected Public*: Private sector—Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 8; *Total Annual Responses*: 96; *Total Annual Hours*: 384.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Medical Records Review under the Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 412.40-412.52; *Use*: The Social Security Amendments of 1983 (Public Law 98-21), requires quality improvement organization (QIO) review of medical services provided to Medicare beneficiaries. Review of services under the QIO program can be accomplished by individual case review and the Clinical Data Abstraction Centers (CDACs). Accordingly, QIOs must review, at the direction of CMS: (1) All anti-dumping referrals; (2) beneficiary complaints involving quality issues; (3) potential gross and flagrant violations of unnecessary admission concerns identified during project data collection; (4) requests from hospitals for higher-weighted DRG adjustments; (5) hospital and managed care plan issued notices of non-coverage; (6) specific codes for assistants at cataract surgery; and (7) cases referred by CMS, the Office of the Inspector General, the Department of Justice, the managed care appeals contractor, intermediaries, carriers, or the CDACs. *Form Number*: CMS-R-50 (OMB# 0938-0359);