DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services


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(f)(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: Health Insurance Benefit Agreement; Use: Applicants to the Medicare program are required to agree to provide services in accordance with Federal requirements. The CMS–1561 is essential for CMS to ensure that applicants in compliance with the requirements. Applicants will be required to sign the completed form and provide operational information to CMS to assure that they continue to meet the requirements after approval. Form Number: CMS–1561 (OMB#: 0938–0832); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector; Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 3,000; Total Annual Responses: 3,000; Total Annual Hours: 500. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact JoAnn Perry at 410–786–3336. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Children’s Health Insurance Program; Use: States are required to submit title XXI plans and amendments for approval by the Secretary pursuant to section 2102 of the Social Security Act in order to receive funds for initiating and expanding health insurance coverage for uninsured children. States are also required to submit State expenditure and statistical reports, annual reports and State evaluations to the Secretary as outlined in title XXI of the Social Security Act. Form Number: CMS–R–308 (OMB#: 0938–0841); Frequency: Yearly, Quarterly, Once and/or Occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 56; Total Annual Responses: 1,114,124 Total Annual Hours: 864,973. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Nancy Goetschius at 410–786–0707. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

3. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; Title of Information Collection: Current State Practices Related to Payments to Providers for Health Care- Acquired Conditions; Use: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Affordable Care Act), enacted March 23, 2010 includes provisions prohibiting Federal Financial Participation to States for payments for health care-acquired conditions (HCACs). Section 2702(a) specifically requires that the Secretary identify current State practices that prohibit payment for HCACs and incorporate those practices or elements of those practices which she determines appropriate for application to the Medicaid program. In accordance with this section 2702(a) of the Affordable Care Act, CMS is issuing this survey to States to obtain information on current State Medicaid practices for prohibiting payments for HCACs. Form Number: CMS–10335 (OMB#: 0938–New); Frequency: Once; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 50 Total Annual Responses: 50; Total Annual Hours: 50 (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Venesa Day at 410–786–8281. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

4. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Imposition of Cost Sharing Charges under Medicaid and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 447.53; Use: The purpose of this collection is to ensure that States impose normal cost sharing charges upon categorically and medically needy individuals as allowed by law and implementing regulations. States must identify in their State plans the service for which the charge is made, the amount of the charge, the basis for determining the charge, the basis for determining whether an individual is unable to pay the charge and the way in which the individual will be identified to providers, and the procedures for implementing and enforcing the exclusions from cost sharing. Form Number: CMS–R–53 (OMB#: 0938–0429); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 56; Total Annual Responses: 2; Total Annual Hours: 20. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Barbara Washington at 410–786–9964. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

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-

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on November 15, 2010.

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974, E-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639–5960 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington,
DC or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project


Background and Brief Description

CDC is responsible for the dissemination of nationally notifiable diseases information and for monitoring and reporting the impact of epidemic influenza on mortality, Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 241). Since April 1984, CDC National Center for Public Health Informatics Epidemiology Program Office (EPO) began working with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) to demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of computer transmission of surveillance data between CDC and the State health departments.

By 1989, all 50 States were using this computerized disease surveillance system, which was then renamed the National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance (NETSS) to reflect its national scope (OMB numbers 0920–0447 and 0920–0007).

Beginning in 1999, CDC, Epidemiology Program Office (EPO) worked with CSTE, State and local public health system staff, and other CDC disease prevention and control program staff to identify information categories and information technology standards to support integrated disease surveillance. That effort is now focused on development and completion of the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS), coordinated by CDC’s National Center for Public Health Informatics, Division of Integrated Surveillance Systems and Services (DISSS).

States will continue to use portions of NETSS to transmit data to CDC. One of the reasons for providing NETSS to NEDSS data mapping is to identify what data elements in NETSS correspond to data elements in NEDSS. Those elements mapped from NETSS to NEDSS were collected in OMB number 0920–0007.

NEDSS will electronically integrate and link together a wide variety of surveillance activities and will facilitate more accurate and timely reporting of disease information to CDC and State and local health departments. Consistent with recommendations supported by our State and local surveillance partners and described in the 1995 report, Integrating Public Health Information and Surveillance Systems, NEDSS includes data standards, an Internet based communications infrastructure built on industry standards, and policy-level agreements on data access, sharing, burden reduction, and protection of confidentiality.

To support NEDSS, CDC has developed an information system, the NEDSS Base System (NBS), which uses NEDSS technical and information standards. The NBS is currently deployed to 16 States, including AL, AR, ID, MD, ME, MT, NE, NM, NV, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, and WY.

CDC is requesting a three-year OMB clearance extension of collecting the NEDSS data. The table below outlines the annualized burden which consists of two components. The first component is “weekly reporting” (52 weeks annually). The second component is an end of year report titled “annual reporting”. The two components collectively represent the estimated annualized hours for the submitting jurisdictions.

There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours for the Weekly Morbidity Reports and the Annual Summary Report is 9,584.

### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276–1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information