DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Center for Medicare and 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 and 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 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB’s regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320(a)(2)(ii). This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement of Previously Approved Collection: Title of Information Collection: Health Care Reform Insurance Web Portal Requirements 45 CFR part 159; Use: In accordance with sections 1103 and 10102 of the Affordable Care Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services created a Web site called healthcare.gov to meet these and other provisions of the law, and data collection was conducted for six months based upon an emergency information collection request. The interim final rule published on May 5, 2010 served as the emergency Federal Register Notice for the prior Information Collection Request (ICR). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reviewed this ICR under emergency processing and approved the ICR on April 30, 2010. CMS will be submitting a revised ICR to OMB for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

As previously stated, this information collection is mandated by sections 1103 and 10102 of the Affordable Care Act. Once all of the information is collected from insurance issuers of major medical health insurance hereon referred to as issuers, it will be processed for display at http://www.healthcare.gov. The information that is provided will help the general public make educated decisions about private health care insurance options.

CMS is mandating the issuers verify and update their information for a June refresh of the Web site. In the event that an issuer has enhanced or modified its existing plans, created new plans, or deactivated plans, the organization would be required to update the information in the Web portal. States and High Risk Pool administrators are unaffected under this emergency PRA request. Form Number: CMS–10320 (OMB#: 0938–1086); Frequency: Reporting—Annually/Monthly; Affected Public: For Profit Firms, States; Number of Respondents: 700; Total Annual Responses: 13,050; Total Annual Hours: 101,960. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Beth Liu at 301–492–4268. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

CMS is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by May 1, 2011, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be considered from the public if received by the individuals designated below by April 25, 2011.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, CMS’ Web Site address at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prc 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.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below by April 25, 2011.

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.

3. By Facsimile or E-mail to OMB. 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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