approaches are currently being used to develop CCC plans; (2) how CCC programs identify EBPs; (3) what EBPs have been adopted by CCC programs; and (4) what challenges and unintended consequences have been encountered in their implementation.

The purpose of the proposed project is to examine CCC planners’ use of scientific and practice-based information to inform development of CCC plans and to select evidence-based interventions. CDC will sponsor two surveys among 66 key CCC stakeholders in the NCCCP-funded states, Tribes, and U.S. Associated Pacific Island Jurisdictions and territories. The first will be a survey with the 66 Directors of the NCCCP-funded programs. The second will be a Web-based survey of key program partners/collaborators identified by the Program Directors (on average, two partners per Director, or 132 partners) as instrumental to the selection and implementation of cancer control EBPs. The surveys will identify technical assistance needs of the programs related to selection and implementation of EBPs and will contribute to CDC’s efforts to build the capacities of states, Tribes, and Pacific Island Jurisdictions and territories toward more effective efforts in cancer prevention and control. In addition, the results may lead to new insights and questions that can be addressed in future studies.

There are no costs to respondents other than their time. OMB approval is requested for one year. The total estimated burden hours are 138.

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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: New collection; Title of Information Collection: National Balancing Indicators Project (NBIP) Direct Service Workforce Data Collection Effort; Use: The overall purpose of this project is to assist CMS State Profiling Tool (SPT) grantees to collect core direct service workforce data elements by population and setting and build the infrastructure needed to track these workforce indicators over time; Form Number: CMS–10404 (OMB 0938–New); Frequency: Once; Affected Public: Private Sector (business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions) and Individuals; Number of Respondents: 68,160; Total Annual Responses: 68,160 (one-time); Total Annual Hours: 57,038. [For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jean Accius at (410) 786–3270. For all other issues call (410) 786–1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement with change of previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Medicare Advantage Chronic Care Improvement Program and Quality Improvement Project Reporting Tools; Use: Section 1852(e)(1), (2), (3)(a)(i) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 422.152 of the regulations describe CMS’ regulatory authority to require each Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) coordinated care plan that offers one or more MA plans to have an ongoing quality assessment and performance improvement program. This program must include assessing performance using standard measures required by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and reporting its performance to CMS.

MAOs will submit their Chronic Care Improvement Programs (CCIPs) and Quality Improvement Project (QIPs) using the revised CCIP and QIP Reporting Tools that are included in this collection. The tools have been redesigned: (1) To decrease the response burden through limiting the amount of narrative required and using an automated system; (2) to be more aligned with the standard QI reporting format; and (3) to improve the information provided by MAOs by using more structured reporting tools. CMS believes the new reporting tools will provide a simpler, easier way for MAOs to report the required data. The new tool will also generate consistency in reporting among plans so that collected data can be used more efficiently by CMS and the plans.

Based on feedback received during the 60-day comment period, CMS has increased the burden hours to complete each reporting tool from 5 hours to 15 hours Form Number: CMS–10209 (OMB # 0938–1023); Frequency: Yearly;
Among other things, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is responsible for administering the Medicare and Medicaid programs and coordination and oversight of private health insurance, Administration and oversight of these programs involves the following: (1) Furnishing information to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, health care providers, and the public; and (2) maintaining effective communications with CMS regional offices, State governments, State Medicaid agencies, State survey agencies, various providers of health care, all Medicare contractors that process claims and pay bills, National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), health insurers, and other stakeholders. To implement the various statutes on which the programs are based, we issue regulations under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services under sections 1102, 1871, 1902, and related provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act) and Public Health Service Act. We also issue various manuals, memoranda, and statements necessary to administer and oversee the programs efficiently.

Section 1871(c) of the Act requires that we publish a list of all Medicare manual instructions, interpretive rules, statements of policy, and guidelines of general applicability not issued as regulations at least every 3 months in the Federal Register.

II. Summary of the Solicitation for Comments and Response to Comments

As explained in the notice with comment period that published in the August 8, 2011 Federal Register (76 FR 48564), technology has advanced since we published our first notice on June 9, 1988, and the information provided in this notice is now available in more efficient, economical, and accessible ways to meet the requirement for publication set forth in the statute. Each quarter, we publish the most current and relevant information; however, many of the quarterly notices simply duplicate the information that was previously published, since there often are no new relevant updates in some categories for the quarter. In addition, there is a 3-month lapse between the information available on the Web site and information covered by this quarterly notice.

In the August 8, 2011 notice (76 FR 48564), we solicited comments on alternative formats to provide this