

Division of Regulations Development,
Attention: Document Identifier/OMB
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Dated: November 15, 2011.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services**

[Document Identifier CMS-10373]

**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 of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Quarterly Reporting for Mini-Med Plans and Expatriate Plans; *Use:* Under Section 2718 of the Affordable Care Act and implementing regulations at 45 CFR part 158 (75 FR 74865, December 1, 2010) as modified by technical corrections on December 30, 2010 (75 FR 82277), a health insurance issuer (issuer) offering group or individual health insurance coverage must submit a report to the Secretary concerning the amount the issuer spends each year on claims, quality

improvement expenses, non-claims costs, Federal and State taxes and licensing or regulatory fees, and the amount of earned premium. An issuer must provide an annual rebate to enrollees if the amount it spends on certain costs compared to its premium revenue (excluding Federal and States taxes and licensing or regulatory fees) does not meet a certain ratio, referred to as the medical loss ratio (MLR). An interim final rule (IFR) implementing the MLR was published on December 1, 2010 (75 FR 74865) and modified by technical corrections on December 30, 2010 (75 FR 82277), which added part 158 to Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The IFR is effective January 1, 2011. Issuers are required to submit annual MLR reporting data for each large group market, small group market, and individual market within each State in which the issuer conducts business. For policies that have a total annual limit of \$250,000 or less (sometimes referred to as "mini-med plans") and for group policies that primarily cover employees working outside the United States (referred to as "expatriate plans"), the IFR applies a special circumstance adjustment to the MLR data for the 2011 MLR reporting year. In order to evaluate the appropriateness of this special circumstance adjustment for years 2012 and beyond, issuers that provide such policies are required to submit quarterly MLR data to the Secretary for the 2011 MLR reporting year. We received two comment letters in response to the 60-day comment period that was associated with CMS-10373. We have taken into consideration all of the proposed suggestions, and as result, have not made any changes to the quarterly reporting form or to the estimated burden that correlates with the form. *Form Number:* CMS-10373 (OCN: 0938-1132); *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 75; *Total Annual Responses:* 825; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,700. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Carol Jimenez at (301) 492-4109. 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 Email 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 *December 19, 2011*.

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

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**Medicare Program; Meeting of the
Medicare Evidence Development and
Coverage Advisory Committee—
January 25, 2012**

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that a public meeting of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) ("Committee") will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. The Committee generally provides advice and recommendations concerning the adequacy of scientific evidence needed to determine whether certain medical items and services can be covered under the Medicare statute. This meeting will focus on the currently available evidence regarding the management of carotid atherosclerosis. This meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)).

DATES: *Meeting Date:* The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Deadline for Submission of Written Comments: Written comments must be received at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by 5 p.m. EST, Monday, December 19, 2011. Once submitted, all comments are final.

Deadlines for Speaker Registration and Presentation Materials: The