We cannot reasonably comply with the requirements for emergency review. We are, however, requesting an emergency review to ensure compliance with section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections 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, 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.

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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 to ensure compliance with section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures in that public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed as stated in 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(i).

1. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; Title of Information Collection: Medicare Fee-for-Service Prepayment Medical Review; Use: The information required under this collection is requested by Medicare contractors to determine proper payment or if there is a suspicion of fraud. Medicare contractors request the information from providers or suppliers submitting claims for payment from the Medicare program when data analysis indicates aberrant billing patterns or other information which may present a vulnerability to the Medicare program; Form Number: CMS–10417 (OMB 0938–New); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private Sector (Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions); Number of Respondents: 2,700,000; Total Annual Responses: 2,700,000; Total Annual Hours: 1,360,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Debbie Skinner at (410) 786–7480. For all other issues call (410) 786–1326.)

CMS is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by December 19, 2011, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be considered from the public if received by December 15, 2011.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web Site at http://www.cms.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRAL/list.asp 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.

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 received via one of the following methods by December 15, 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 CMS–10417, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

3. By Email to OMB.

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: December 2, 2011.

Martique Jones,
Director, Regulations Development Group, Division B, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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