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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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) 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.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP); Use: Under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), and implementing regulations at 42 CFR, Medicare Advantage organizations (MAO) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) are required to submit an actuarial pricing “bid” for each plan offered to Medicare beneficiaries for approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Title I of the MMA established a program to offer prescription drug benefits to Medicare enrollees through Prescription Drug Plans. MMA Title II revised several aspects of the Medicare+Choice program (renamed Medicare Advantage), including the payment methodology and the introduction of “Regional” MA plans. CMS payments to PDPs and MA plans will be on a market-based competitive approach.

MAOs and PDPs use the Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) software to develop their actuarial pricing bid. The information provided in the BPT is the basis for the plan’s enrollee premiums and CMS payments for each contract year. The tool collects data such as medical expense development (from claims data and/or manual rating), administrative expenses, profit levels, and projected plan enrollment information. By statute, completed BPTs are due to CMS by the first Monday of June each year.

CMS reviews and analyzes the information provided on the Bid Pricing Tool. Ultimately, CMS decides whether to approve the plan pricing (i.e., payment and premium) proposed by each organization. CMS is requesting to continue its use of the BPT for the collection of information for CY 2014 through CY2016. Form Number: CMS–10142 (OCN: 0938–0944); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 555; Total Annual Responses: 4,995; Total Annual Hours: 149,850. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Diane Spitalnic at 410–786–5745. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Plan Benefit Package (PBP) and Formulary Submission for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP); Use: Under the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA), Medicare Advantage (MA) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) are required to submit plan benefit packages for all Medicare beneficiaries residing in their service area. The plan benefit package submission consists of the Plan Benefit Package (PBP) software, formulary file, and supporting documentation, as necessary. MA and PDP organizations use the PBP software to describe their organization’s plan benefit packages, including information on premiums, cost sharing, authorization rules, and supplemental benefits. They also generate a formulary to describe their list of drugs, including information on prior authorization, step therapy, tiering, and quantity limits.

Additionally, CMS uses the PBP and formulary data to review and approve the plan benefit packages proposed by each MA and PDP organization.

After receiving OMB clearance in spring 2000, CMS implemented the PBP as part of the Contract Year (CY) 2001 Adjusted Community Rate Proposal (ACRP) process. In addition, information collected via the PBP and formulary has been used to support the marketing material review process, the National Medicare Education Program, and other program oversight and development activities. For instance, the PBP software automatically generates the standardized sentences for the Summary of Benefits (SB) by using the plan benefit package data entered into the PBP software by the organization’s user. These standardized sentences are used by the MA organizations in their SB marketing materials and by CMS to generate plan benefits data for display in the Medicare & You handbook and on the www.medicare.gov Web site.

CMS is requesting to continue its use of the PBP software and formulary submission for the collection of benefits and related information for CY 2014 through CY 2016. CMS estimates that 578 MA organizations and 63 PDP organizations will be required to submit the plan benefit package information in CY 2014. Based on operational changes and policy clarifications to the Medicare program and continued input and feedback from the industry, CMS has made the necessary changes to the plan benefit package submission. Form Number: CMS–R–262 (OCN: 0938–0763); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 641; Total Annual Responses: 6,169; Total Annual Hours: 56,708. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kristy Holtje at 410–786–2209. 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/
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[CFDA Number: 93.602]

Announcement of the Award of Single-Source Program Expansion Supplement Grants to Seven Assets for Independence Demonstration Program Grantees

AGENCY: Office of Community Services (OCS), ACF, HHS.

ACTION: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) announces the award of single-source program expansion supplements to seven FY 2012 grantees under the Assets for Independence Demonstration Program.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) announces the award of single-source program expansion supplements to seven FY 2012 grantees under the Assets for Independence Demonstration Program (AFI). Grantees will provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become more economically self-sufficient for the long term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA). Participants open an IDA and save earned income in the account regularly with the goal of accumulating savings to acquire an economic asset that will appreciate over time—specifically, to purchase a home, capitalize or expand a business for self-employment, or attend higher education or training. Grantees also ensure that participants have access to financial literacy education and coaching such as training on money management and consumer issues. Grant recipients must finance the projects with a combination of the federal AFI grant and non-federal cash. The non-federal cash amount must be at least equal to the federal AFI grant amount.

DATES: Project periods are 04/1/2012–03/31/2017 and 07/1/2012–06/30/2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Fleming, Program Manager, Assets for Independence, 370 L’Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447. Telephone: 202–401–4977; Email: afleming@acf.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following AFI grantees will receive single-source program expansion supplement awards:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has reorganized the Office of the Assistant Secretary (OAS) and the Office of Public Affairs (OPA). This reorganization transfers the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) function from the Office of the Assistant Secretary (OAS) to the Office of Public Affairs (OPA).


This notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KA, Office of the Assistant Secretary (OAS) last amended, 76 FR 72418–72420, November 23, 2011, and Chapter KN, Office of Public Affairs (OPA) last amended, 72 FR 31072–