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.

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1. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; Title: Program for Matching Grants to States for the Operation of High Risk Pools; Use: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring the information in this information collection request as a condition of eligibility for grants that were authorized in the Trade Act of 2002, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and the State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2006. The information is necessary to determine if a state applicant meets the necessary eligibility criteria for a grant as required by law. The respondents will be states that have a high risk pool as defined in sections 2741, 2744, or 2745 of the Public Health Service Act. The grants will provide funds to states that incur losses in the operation of high risk pools. High risk pools are set up by states to provide health insurance to individuals that cannot obtain health insurance in the private market because of a history of illness. Form Number: CMS–10078 (OCN: 0938–0887); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 31; Total Annual Responses: 31; Total Annual Hours: 1,240. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Paul Scholz at (410) 786–6178. For all other issues call (410) 786–3226.)

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INTRODUCTION

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Child Support Noncustodial Parent Enforcement Demonstration (CSPED). In October 2012, OCSE issued grants to eight state child support agencies to provide employment, parenting, and child support services to non-custodial parents who are having difficulty meeting their child support obligation. The overall objective of the CSPED evaluation is to document and evaluate the effectiveness of the approaches taken by these eight CSPED grantees. This evaluation will yield information about effective strategies for improving child support payments by providing non-custodial parents employment and other services through child support programs. It will generate extensive information on how these programs operated, what they cost, the effects the programs had, and whether the benefits of the programs exceed their costs. The information gathered will be critical to informing decisions related to future investments in child support-led employment-focused programs for non-custodial parents who have difficulty meeting their child support obligations.

The CSPED evaluation will include the following two interconnected components or “studies”:

1. Implementation and Cost Study.

The goal of the implementation and cost

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