Healthcare Research and Quality. This Executive Session will be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). This portion of the meeting is likely to disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action to the public. The final agenda will be available on the AHRQ Web site at www.AHRQ.gov no later than Friday, March 29, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call (404) 639–7570 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project


Background and Brief Description

The Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) proposes to maintain a system for the surveillance of school-associated homicides and suicides; the system relies on existing public records and interviews with law enforcement officials and school officials. The purpose of the system is to (1) estimate the rate of school-associated violent death in the United States and (2) identify common features of school-associated violent deaths. The system will contribute to the understanding of fatal violence associated with schools, guide further research in the area, and help direct ongoing and future prevention programs.

School-associated violent deaths (SAVD) is an ongoing surveillance system that draws cases from the entire United States in attempting to capture all cases of school-associated violent deaths that have occurred. Investigators will only be interviewed once.

Researchers request information on both the victim and alleged offender(s)—including demographic data, their academic and criminal records, and their relationship to one another. Data are also collected on the time and location of the death; the circumstances, motive, and method of the fatal injury; and the security and violence prevention activities in the school and community where the death occurred, before and after the fatal injury event.

The revisions to this data collection involve changes to the data collection instruments that will enhance the scope or relevance of the information previously collected, and changes that will reflect recent advancements and developments in research addressing violence in school settings. There has also been an additional measure added which will further strengthen the data security processes.

There are no costs to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 70.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10418, CMS–10028]

Agency Information Collection Activities: 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: Revision of currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Annual MLR and Rebate Calculation Report and MLR Rebate Notice: Use: Under Section 2718 of the Affordable Care Act and implementing regulation at 45 CFR Part 158, 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 and regulatory fees, and the amount of earned premium. An issuer must provide an annual rebate if the amount it spends on certain costs compared to its premium revenue (excluding federal and states taxes and licensing and 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 was effective January 1, 2011. A final rule regarding selected provisions of the IFR was published on December 7, 2011 (76 FR 76574, CMS–9998–FC) and an interim final rule regarding an issue not included in issuers’ reporting obligations (disbursement of rebates by non-federal governmental plans) was also published December 7, 2011 (76 FR 76596, CMS–9998–IFC2) Both rules published on December 7, 2011 were effective January 1, 2012. Each issuer is required to submit annually MLR data, including information about any rebates it must provide, on a form prescribed by CMS, for each state in which the issuer conducts business. Each issuer is also required to provide a rebate notice to each policyholder that is owed a rebate and each subscriber of policyholders that are owed a rebate for any given MLR reporting year. Additionally, each issuer is required to maintain for a period of seven years all documents, records and other evidence that support the data included in each issuer’s annual report to the Secretary.

The 60-day Federal Register notice published on December 4, 2012, (77 FR 71801) pertained to the 2012 MLR Annual Reporting Form and Instructions and the comment period closed on February 4, 2013. We received a total of 4 public comments on 25 specific issues regarding the notice of the revised Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) PRA package. Most of the comments addressed clarifying the instructions or correcting typographical errors, the removal of calculated cells and the issuer’s ability to copy and paste data onto the form, and the inclusion of a credibility indicator for small issuers so that small issuers would not need to fill out the complete MLR reporting form. We have taken into consideration all of the proposed suggestions and have made changes to the 2012 MLR Annual Reporting Form and Instructions.

Form Number: CMS–10418 (OCN: 0938–1164); Frequency: Annual submission for each respondent; Affected Public: Private Sector, Business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 502; Number of Responses: 3,085; Total Annual Hours: 311,302. (For policy questions regarding this collection, contact Carol Jimenez at (301) 492–4457. For all other issues, call (410) 786–1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Client Contact Form, Public and Media Activity Report Form, and Resource Report Form. Use: Section 4360(f) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) 1990 requires the Secretary to provide a series of reports to the U.S. Congress on the performance of the program and its impact on beneficiaries and to obtain important informational feedback from beneficiaries. Further, in response to requirements of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, CMS launched a comprehensive five-year campaign, the National Medicare Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs), to raise awareness among beneficiaries about their Medicare health plan options and help them assess the advantages and disadvantages each choice holds for them. The Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 required State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPS) to be actively engaged in the implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Program (Part D). MIPPA legislation and Affordable Care Act legislation required SHIPs to provide enrollment assistance for the Limited Income Subsidy (LIS) and Medicare Savings Program (MSP). The goal is to ensure that beneficiaries are making an informed choice, regardless of whether they stay in Original Medicare or choose new options. CMS is responsible to Congress for demonstrating improvement over time in the level of awareness and understanding beneficiaries have about health plan options. The SHIPs are an integral component of this initiative. The information collected is used to fulfill the reporting requirements described in Section 4360(f) of OBRA 1990. CMS will utilize this data. The data will be accumulated and analyzed to measure SHIP performance in order to determine whether and to what extent the SHIPs have met the goals of improved CMS customer service to beneficiaries and better understanding by beneficiaries of their health insurance options. Further, the information will be used in the administration of the grants, to measure performance and appropriate use of the funds by the state grantees, to identify gaps in services and technical support needed by SHIPs, and to identify and share best practices. The overall burden of hours and expected number of respondents increase is based on projected future service growth and projected future increases in staffing to accommodate the increased demand to utilize the SHIP network to raise awareness about new CMS policies, outreach initiatives, or both. However, the instruments themselves have not changed. Form Number: CMS–10026 (OCN: 0938–0850); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 17,838; Total Annual Responses: 2,346,465. Total Annual Hours: 195,642. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Gregory Price at 410–786–4041. 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 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 of 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 March 25, 2013.

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.
Martique Jones,
Deputy Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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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: Extension. Title of Information Collection: Medicare Advantage Appeals and Grievance Data Disclosure Requirements (42 CFR 422.111). Use: Section 1852(c)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 422.111(c)(3) require that Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations and demonstrations disclose information pertaining to the number of disputes, and their disposition in the aggregate, with the categories of grievances and appeals to any individual eligible to elect an MA organization who requests this information. MA organizations and demonstrations remain under a requirement to collect and provide this information to individuals eligible to elect an MA organization, we continue to need the same format and form for reporting. Form Number: CMS–R–282 (OCN 0938–0778). Frequency: Annually and semi-annually. Affected Public: Private Sector (business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions). Number of Respondents: 51,370. Total Annual Responses: 52,260. Total Annual Hours: 5,414. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Stephanie Simons at 206–615–2420. 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 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 at 410–786–1326.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by April 23, 2013:

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/OMB Control Number ___, Room C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

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1. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection; Title: Information Collection Requirements for Compliance with Individual and Group Market Reforms under Title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act; Use: The provisions of title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) are designed to make it easier for people to get access to health care coverage and to reduce the limitations that can be put on the coverage. Sections 2723 and 2761 of the PHS Act direct CMS to enforce a provision (or provisions) of title XXVII of the PHS Act with respect to health insurance issuers when a state has notified CMS that it has not enacted legislation to enforce or that it is not otherwise enforcing a provision (or provisions) of the individual and group market reforms with respect to health insurance issuers, or when CMS has determined that a state is not substantially enforcing one or more of those provisions. This collection also pertains to notices issued by individual and group health insurance issuers and self-funded non-Federal governmental plans. This collection includes the issuance of certificates of creditable coverage; notification of preexisting condition exclusions; notification of special enrollment rights; and review of issuers’ filings of individual and group market products or similar Federal review in cases in which a state is not enforcing a title XXVII individual or group market provision. This information collection is a reinstatement of a previously approved collection (which expired on September 30, 2012 (OMB#: 0938–0702 and OMB#: 0938–0703)) with minimal changes to reflect