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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services


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: Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Internal Revenue Service (IRS)/Social Security Administration (SSA)/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Data Match and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 411.20–491.206 Use: Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) is essentially the same concept known in the private insurance industry as coordination of benefits; it refers to those situations where Medicare assumes a secondary payer role to certain types of private insurance for covered services provided to a Medicare beneficiary.

Congress sought to reduce the losses to the Medicare program by requiring in 42 U.S.C. 1395s(b)(6) that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Social Security Administration (SSA), and CMS perform an annual data match (the IRS/SSA/CMS Data Match, or “Data Match” for short). We use the information obtained through Data Match to contact employers concerning possible application of the MSP provisions by requesting information about specifically identified employees (either a Medicare beneficiary or the working spouse of a Medicare beneficiary). This statutory data match and employer information collection activity enhances our ability to identify both past and present MSP situations. Form Number: CMS–R–137 (OCN: 0938–0565); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, State, Local or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 280,028; Total Annual Responses: 280,028; Total Annual Hours: 1,629,763. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Rick Mazur at 410–786–1418. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges: Use: All States (including the 50 states, consortia of states, territories, and the District of Columbia herein referred to as states) that received a State Planning and Establishment Grant for Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) Exchanges are eligible for the Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State Operated Insurance Exchanges. Section 1311 of the Affordable Care Act offers the opportunity for each state to establish an Exchange [now referred to as Marketplace], and provides for grants to states for the planning and establishment of these Exchanges. Given the innovative nature of Exchanges and the statutorily-prescribed relationship between the Secretary and states in their development and operation, it is critical that the Secretary work closely with states to provide necessary guidance and technical assistance to ensure that states can meet the prescribed timelines, federal requirements, and goals of the statute.

In order to provide appropriate and timely guidance and technical assistance, the Secretary must have access to timely, periodic information regarding state progress. Consequently, the information collection associated with these grants is essential to facilitating reasonable and appropriate federal monitoring of funds, providing statutory and mandated assistance to states to implement Exchanges in accordance with federal requirements, and to ensure that states have all necessary information required to proceed, such that retrospective corrective action can be minimized.

The submitted revision adds sets of Outcomes and Operational Metrics to States’ data collection requirements; we will use the resulting data to evaluate Marketplace performance and overall effectiveness of the ACA. Key areas of measurement are the effectiveness of eligibility determination and enrollment processes, impact on affordability for consumers, and the effect of Marketplace participation on health insurance markets. Furthermore, these metrics facilitate actionable feedback and technical assistance to states for quality improvement efforts during the critical early period of operations. This funding opportunity was first released on January 20, 2011. Form Number: CMS–10371; Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal governments; Number of Respondents: 40; Total Annual Responses: 1475; Total Annual Hours: 64,695. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Christina Daw at 301–492–4181. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

3. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection (Request for a new OMB control number); Title of Information Collection: Medicare Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices (PMDs) Demonstration: Use: The purpose of the Medicare Prior Authorization of Power Mobility Devices Demonstration (the Demonstration) is to ensure that payments for PMDs are appropriate before the claims are paid, thereby preventing the fraud, waste, and abuse in the seven states participating in the Demonstration: California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New York, North Carolina and Texas. Additional benefits of the Demonstration include ensuring that a beneficiary’s medical condition warrants their medical equipment under existing coverage guidelines and preserving their ability to receive quality products from accredited suppliers. In order to gather qualitative information for analysis, the evaluation team will use semi-structured interview guides that focus on the direct impact of the Demonstration on stakeholder groups. Stakeholders will be drawn from advocacy organizations, power mobility device supply companies, state and local government, and healthcare practitioners. This information collection request explains the research methodology and data collection strategies designed to minimize the burden placed on research participants, while effectively gathering the data needed for the evaluation of the

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Medicare Program; Second Semi-Annual Meeting of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel) August 26–27, 2013

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the second semi-annual meeting of the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP, the Panel) for 2013. The purpose of the panel is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (the Secretary) and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (the Administrator) on the clinical integrity of the Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) groups and their associated weights, and hospital outpatient therapeutic services supervision issues.

DATES: Meeting Date: The second semi-annual meeting in 2013 is scheduled for the following dates and times. The times listed in this notice are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and are approximate times; consequently, the meetings may last longer than the times listed in this notice, but will not begin before the posted times:

- Monday, August 26, 2013, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.
- Tuesday, August 27, 2013, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.

Meeting Information Updates: The actual meeting hours and days will be posted in the agenda. As information and updates regarding the onsite and webcast meeting, agenda, and presentations become available, they will be posted on the CMS Web site at: http://cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/AdvisoryPanelAmbulatoryPaymentClassificationGroups.html

Deadlines

Deadline for Presentations and Comments

The email copy of a presentation or comment and form CMS–20017 must be in the Designated Federal Official's (DFO’s) email inbox (APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov) by 5 p.m. EDT, Friday, July 19, 2013. The hardcopy of the presentation must be received by the DFO on or before Friday, July 26, 2013. Presentations and comments not received by the due dates will be considered late and will not be included on the agenda. (See below for submission instructions for both hardcopy and electronic submissions.)

Meeting Registration Timeframe:

Monday, July 08, 2013 through Friday, August 09, 2013 at 5 p.m. EDT.

Participants planning to attend this meeting in person must register online, during the above specified timeframe at: https://www.cms.gov/apps/events/default.asp. On this Web page, double click the “Upcoming Events” hyperlink, and then double click the “HOP Panel” event title link and enter the required information. Include any requests for special accommodations.

Participants who do not plan to attend this meeting in person should not register. No registration is required for participants who plan to view the meeting via webcast.

Submission Instructions for Presentations and Comments

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept written comments and or presentations by FAX.

Meeting Location and Webcast

The meeting will be held in the CMS Central Office, Auditorium, 7500 Security Boulevard, Woodlawn, Maryland 21244–1850.

Alternately, the public may view this meeting via a webcast. During the scheduled meeting, webcasting is accessible online at: http://cms.gov/live or http://www.ustream.tv. Viewers interested in receiving the webcast from http://www.ustream.tv will need to type “CMS Public Events” in the search bar to access the webcast.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For inquiries about the panel, contact the DFO:

Chuck Braver, 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop: C4–05–17, Woodlawn, MD 21244–1850. Phone: (410) 786–3985. Email: APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov.

Mail hardcopies and email copies to the following addresses: Chuck Braver, DFO, CMS, CM, HAPG, DOC—HOP Panel, 7500 Security Blvd. Mail Stop: C4–05–17, Woodlawn, MD 21244–1850. Email: APCPanel@cms.hhs.gov

Note: We recommend that you advise couriers of the following information: When delivering hardcopies of presentations to CMS, call (410) 786–4532 or (410) 786–6719 to ensure receipt of documents by appropriate staff.

News Media: Representatives must contact our Public Affairs Office at (202) 690–6145.