

The Medicare Care Choices Model design is based on established relationships hospices have with their referring network of providers. Many hospices already have care coordination programs in place to coordinate hospice support services with the curative care services. This Model leverages those established relationships to allow Medicare to test and evaluate this care coordination concept.

The Medicare Care Choices Model seeks to test whether traditional Medicare beneficiaries with certain types of advanced cancers, congestive heart failure (CHF), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who meet Medicare hospice eligibility requirements under either the Medicare or Medicaid Hospice Benefit would elect to receive hospice supportive services earlier in their disease trajectories if they could continue to seek curative services. The Model will evaluate whether there are associated improvements in patient care, patient and family or caregiver satisfaction with care, and quality of life at the end-of-life.

## II. Provisions of This Notice

The Medicare Care Choices Model participating hospices will use care coordination services both within the hospice and between the hospice and other providers and suppliers to effectively manage hospice-eligible Medicare beneficiaries and report process and outcome measures on their results. The Medicare Care Choices Model participating hospices will be paid a \$400 per beneficiary per month fee for certain hospice support services furnished to traditional fee-for-service Medicare beneficiaries who are hospice eligible and meet the criteria stated in the Request for Application (RFA).

In selecting hospices to participate in the program, CMS seeks eligible beneficiaries from a mix of rural and urban areas representing Medicare hospices of all sizes. These hospice providers must demonstrate experience with care coordination between providers including physicians, hospitals, pharmacies, DME suppliers, other suppliers, and skilled nursing facilities.

We expect to select at least 30 Medicare certified and enrolled hospices based on their Medicare provider number to participate in the Medicare Care Choices Model. The Medicare Care Choices Model period of performance will be 3 years. Applicants must present evidence that their network of referring providers is capable of successfully identifying beneficiaries

who meet the Medicare Care Choice Model eligibility requirements. Applicants are required to provide a detailed narrative with supporting documentation describing the beneficiary population they intend to serve, how services will be provided, the quality measures in place and planned, and the number of beneficiaries expected for each year of the 3-year Medicare Care Choices Model period.

CMS will use a competitive process to select eligible organizations to participate in the Medicare Care Choices Model. We will accept timely applications in the standard format outlined in the Medicare Care Choices Model RFA in order to be considered for review by an internal technical panel. Applications that are not received in this format will not be considered for review.

For more specific details regarding the Medicare Care Choices Model (including the RFA), we refer applicants to the informational materials on the Innovation Center Web site at: <http://innovation.cms.gov/>. Applicants are responsible for monitoring the Web site to obtain the most current information available.

## III. Collection of Information Requirements

Section 1115A(d)(3) of the Act, as added by section 3021 of the Affordable Care Act, states that chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), shall not apply to the testing and evaluation of models or expansion of such models under this section. Consequently, this document need not be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35).

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**Marilyn Tavenner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension of Certification on Maintenance of Effort for the Title III and Minor Revisions to the Certification of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Expenditures

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to the Certification on Maintenance of Effort under Title III and Certification of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Expenditures for OAA Title III and Title VII Grantees.

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by May 20, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: [BeckyKurtz@aoa.hhs.gov](mailto:BeckyKurtz@aoa.hhs.gov). Submit written comments on the collection of information to Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, attention Becky Kurtz.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Becky Kurtz, National Long Term Care Ombudsman, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency request or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in

the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of ACL's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

The Certification on Maintenance of Effort under Title III and Certification of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Expenditures provides statutorily required information regarding state's contribution to programs funded under the Older Americans Act and conformance with legislative requirements, pertinent Federal regulations and other applicable instructions and guidelines issued by ACL. This information will be used for Federal oversight of Title III Programs and Title VII Ombudsman Program expenditures.

ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: 56 State Agencies on Aging respond annually which should be an average burden of one half (1/2) hour per State agency per year or a total of twenty-eight hours for all state agencies annually. The proposed data collection tools may be found on the AoA Web site for review at [http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA\\_Programs/Tools\\_Resources/Cert\\_Forms.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/Tools_Resources/Cert_Forms.aspx).

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**Kathy Greenlee,**

*Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

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#### Area Maritime Security Advisory Committee (AMSC), Eastern Great Lakes and Regional Sub-Committee Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for membership.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests individuals interested in serving on the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC), Eastern Great Lakes, and the four regional sub-committees: Northeast Ohio Region, Northwestern Pennsylvania Region, Western New York Region, and Eastern New York Region to submit their applications for membership to the Captain of the Port (COTP), Buffalo. The Committee assists the Captain of the Port, Buffalo, in developing, reviewing, and updating the Area Maritime Security Plan for their area of responsibility.

**DATES:** Requests for membership should reach the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Buffalo, on April 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for membership should be submitted to the Captain of the Port at the following address: Captain of the Port, Buffalo, Attention: LCDR Elizabeth Platt, 1 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY 14203-3189.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about submitting an application, or about the AMSC in general, contact:

For the Northeast Ohio Region Executive Coordinator: Mr. Peter Killmer at 216-937-0136;

For the Northwestern Pennsylvania Region Executive Coordinator: Mr. Joseph Fetscher at 216-937-0126;

For the Western New York Region; LCDR Elizabeth Platt at 716-843-9373; and,

For the Eastern New York Region Executive Coordinator: Mr. Ralph Kring at 315-343-1551.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorized the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees (AMSCs) for any port area of the United States.

(See 33 U.S.C. 1226; 46 U.S.C.; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.01; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1). The MTSA includes a provision exempting these AMSCs from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-436, 86 Stat. 470 (5 U.S.C. App.2). The AMSCs shall assist the Captain of the Port in the development, review, update, and exercising of the AMS Plan for their area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to: Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations; Identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences); Determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods; Developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied; and Providing advice to, and assisting the Captain of the Port in developing and maintaining the Area Maritime Security Plan.

##### AMSC Membership

Members of the AMSC should have at least five years of expertise related to maritime or port security operations. The AMSC Eastern Great Lakes Committee has 107 members. The Northeast Ohio Region Subcommittee has 29 members. The Northwestern Pennsylvania Region Subcommittee has 29 members. The Western New York Region has 29 members. The Eastern New York Region has 20 members. We are seeking to fill the following vacancies with this submission:

(A) *Northeast Ohio Region (2 members)*: (1) Executive Board member representing the maritime (on-water) Port Harbormaster community of Northeast Ohio {e.g., qualified harbormasters operating in local ports [list not all inclusive] of Vermilion, Lorain, Cleveland, Fairport Harbor, Ashtabula, Conneaut, etc.}; and (2) Executive Board member representing the surface transportation railroad industry (RAIL), especially expert candidates working for critical railroad infrastructure with a nexus to the maritime domain.

(B) *Northwestern Pennsylvania Region (1 member)*: Executive Board member representing local MTSA regulated, 33 CFR 104, vessels of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

(C) *Western New York Region (3 members)*: (1) Executive Board member to serve as Chairperson of the regional subcommittee and concurrently as member of the Eastern Great Lakes AMSC when so convened by the FMSC.