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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Patient Safety Organizations: Voluntary Relinquishment From the Quantros Patient Safety Center

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of delisting.

**SUMMARY:** The Patient Safety Rule authorizes AHRQ, on behalf of the Secretary of HHS, to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” by the Secretary if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason, or when a PSO’s listing expires. AHRQ has accepted a notification of voluntary relinquishment from the Quantros Patient Safety Center of its status as a PSO, and has delisted the PSO accordingly.

**DATES:** The directories for both listed and delisted PSOs are ongoing and reviewed weekly by AHRQ. The delisting was applicable at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on August 15, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Both directories can be accessed electronically at the following HHS Web site: <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/listed>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Eileen Hogan, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 06N94B, Rockville, MD 20857; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403–3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427–1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438–7231; TTY (local): (301) 427–1130; Email: [psa@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:psa@ahrq.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 299b–21 to b–26, (Patient Safety Act) and the related Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule, 42

CFR part 3 (Patient Safety Rule), published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008, 73 FR 70732–70814, establish a framework by which hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers may voluntarily report information to Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs), on a privileged and confidential basis, for the aggregation and analysis of patient safety events.

The Patient Safety Act authorizes the listing of PSOs, which are entities or component organizations whose mission and primary activity are to conduct activities to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery.

HHS issued the Patient Safety Rule to implement the Patient Safety Act. AHRQ administers the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule relating to the listing and operation of PSOs. The Patient Safety Rule authorizes AHRQ to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason, or when a PSO’s listing expires. Section 3.108(d) of the Patient Safety Rule requires AHRQ to provide public notice when it removes an organization from the list of federally approved PSOs.

AHRQ has accepted a notification from the Quantros Patient Safety Center, a component entity of Quantros Inc., PSO number P0014, to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO. Accordingly, the Quantros Patient Safety Center was delisted effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on August 15, 2017.

The Quantros Patient Safety Center has patient safety work product (PSWP) in its possession. The PSO will meet the requirements of section 3.108(c)(2)(i) of the Patient Safety Rule regarding notification to providers that have reported to the PSO and of section 3.108(c)(2)(ii) regarding disposition of PSWP consistent with section 3.108(b)(3). According to section 3.108(b)(3) of the Patient Safety Rule, the PSO has 90 days from the effective date of delisting and revocation to complete the disposition of PSWP that is currently in the PSO’s possession. More information on PSOs can be

obtained through AHRQ’s PSO Web site at <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–17–0765; Docket No. CDC–2017–0062]

#### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comments on a request for an extension of an approved information collection entitled, CDC’s Fellowship Management System. CDC uses the information collected for processes that aid and enhance the selection of fellowship participants and host sites and to track participant information that helps strengthen the current, emerging, and ever-changing public health workforce.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2017–0062 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to [Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to [Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov).

**Please note:** All public comment should be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking portal (*Regulations.gov*) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of

collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

#### **Proposed Project**

Fellowship Management System (OMB No. 0920-0765, expires 04/30/2018)— Extension—Division of Scientific Education and Professional Development (DSEPD), Center for Surveillance, Education, and Laboratory Services (CSELS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### *Background and Brief Description*

DSEPD requests a three-year extension to continue use of the CDC Fellowship Management System (FMS) for its electronic applications, host sites, and directory processes that allow individuals to apply to fellowships online, allow public health agencies to submit fellowship assignment proposals online, and track applicant and alumni information. CDC uses the FMS application module to collect, process, and manage data from nonfederal applicants seeking training or public health support services through CDC fellowships, under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 0920-0765. FMS is key to CDC's ability to protect the public's health by supporting training opportunities that strengthen the public health workforce. In 2015, OMB approval for revision was granted for FMS for a 3-year period. Since 2015, OMB has approved nonsubstantive changes to FMS information collection requests under the same OMB control number, 0920-0765. These changes were made to accurately reflect evolving fellowship eligibility requirements, provide clarification of existing questions, efficiently and effectively accommodate changing needs of host organizations, and to account for the addition of 150 new applicants to the Science Ambassadors Fellowship. A 3-year extension will allow all fellowship applicants, public health agencies that host fellowship participants, and fellowship alumni the continued use of FMS for submission of electronic data.

The mission of DSEPD is to improve health outcomes through a competent, sustainable, and empowered public health workforce. Professionals in public health, epidemiology, medicine, economics, information science, veterinary medicine, nursing, public policy, and other related professionals seek opportunities, through CDC fellowships, to broaden their knowledge, and skills to improve the science and practice of public health. CDC fellows are assigned to state, tribal, local, and territorial public health agencies; federal government agencies, including CDC and Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) operational divisions, such as Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; and to nongovernmental organizations, including academic institutions, tribal organizations, and private public health organizations.

FMS allows CDC to electronically collect and process fellowship applications, fellowship assignment proposals, and fellowship alumni information from nonfederal persons. FMS is a flexible and robust data management system that is standardized and tailored for each CDC fellowship, collecting only the minimum amount of information required, thereby streamlining decision processes for CDC and reducing burden for respondents. Respondent types vary depending on fellowship eligibility requirements, and responses to FMS questions are voluntary. CDC uses the information FMS gathers to identify participants for its fellowship programs and effectively address each program's needs and the needs of the public. By allowing online submissions of applications to fellowships and proposals for fellowship assignments, FMS can track fellowship applicants, alumni, and public health service agency employees seeking to host and work with fellows, all in one integrated database.

The annual burden table reflects OMB-approved changes since 2015, including the 150 new respondents applying to Science Ambassadors and changes for public health agency representatives. No changes were made relative to the FMS Alumni Directory or the FMS Host Site Module. There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden time per response (in hours)	Average total response burden (in hours)
Fellowship Applicants .....	FMS Application .....	1,991	1	1.75	3,485
	Science Ambassadors .....	150	1	45/60	113
Fellowship Alumni .....	FMS Alumni Directory .....	1,382	1	15/60	346
Public Health Agency or Organization Staff.	FMS Host Site Module .....	408	1	1.5	612
Total .....	.....	3,931	.....	.....	4,556

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Office of Scientific Integrity, Office of the  
Associate Director for Science, Office of the  
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Prevention.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS-10203 and CMS-10346]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by October 5, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions:

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs  
Attention: CMS Desk Officer  
Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 OR  
Email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at Web site address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov).

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests 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 publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information,

including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS); *Use:* The collection is necessary to hold Medicare managed care contracts accountable for the quality of care they deliver to beneficiaries. This reporting requirement allows us to obtain the information necessary for proper oversight of the Medicare Advantage program. It is critical to our mission that we collect and disseminate valid and reliable information that can be used to improve quality of care through identification of quality improvement opportunities, assist us in carrying out our oversight responsibilities, and help beneficiaries make an informed choice among health plans. *Form Number:* CMS-10203 (OMB control number: 0938-0701); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Individuals and households; *Number of Respondents:* 739,959; *Total Annual Responses:* 554,895; *Total Annual Hours:* 183,115. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kimberly DeMichele at 410-786-4286.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Appeals of Quality Bonus Payment Determinations; *Use:* Section 1853(o) of the Social Security Act requires us to make Quality Bonus Payments (QBPs) to Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations that achieve performance rating scores of at least 4 stars under a five star rating system. MA organizations have 10 calendar days from the date of CMS' release of its QBP determinations to request a technical report from CMS