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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
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**Centers for Disease Control and
 Prevention**

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork
 Reduction Act Review**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled National Program of Cancer Registries Program Evaluation Instrument (NPCR-PEI) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on January 5, 2017 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC did not receive comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to *omb@cdc.gov*. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

National Program of Cancer Registries Program Evaluation Instrument (NPCR-PEI)—(OMB Control Number 0920-0706, expired 05/31/2016)—Reinstatement with change—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC is responsible for administering and monitoring the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR). The NPCR provides technical assistance and funding and sets program standards to assure that complete local, state, regional, and national cancer incidence data are available for national and state cancer control and prevention activities and health planning activities.

CDC has used the Program Evaluation Instrument for 24 years to monitor the performance of NPCR grantees in meeting the required Program Standards. In 2009, CDC reduced the frequency of the data collection from an annual to a biennial schedule in odd-numbered years.

CDC currently supports 48 population-based central cancer registries (CCR) in 45 states, one territory, the District of Columbia, and

the Pacific Islands. The National Cancer Institute supports the operations of CCRs in the five remaining states.

CDC released a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) (DP17-1701) on December 15, 2017. This FOA closed on March 24, 2017. A new project period began on July 1, 2017. DP17-1701 allowed previously unfunded states to apply for NPCR funding. DP17-1701 NPCR eligibility will include the 48 awardees funded under the DP12-1205 FOA and potentially two previously unfunded State health departments or their Bona Fide Agents, and US territories.

The Program Evaluation Instrument (NPCR-PEI) includes questions about the following categories of registry operations: (1) Staffing, (2) legislation, (3) administration, (4) reporting completeness, (5) data exchange, (6) data content and format, (7) data quality assurance, (8) data use, (9) collaborative relationships, (10) advanced activities, and (11) survey feedback.

Examples of possible obtainable information include, but are not limited to: (1) Number of filled staff full-time positions by position responsibility; (2) revision to cancer reporting legislation; (3) various data quality control activities; (4) data collection activities as they relate to achieving NPCR program standards for data completeness; and (5) whether registry data is being used for comprehensive cancer control programs, needs assessment/program planning, clinical studies, or incidence and mortality estimates.

The NPCR-PEI is needed to receive, process, evaluate, aggregate, and disseminate NPCR program information. The CDC and NPCR-funded registries use this information to monitor progress toward meeting established program standards, goals, and objectives; to evaluate various attributes of the registries funded by NPCR; and to respond to data inquiries made by CDC and other agencies of the federal government.

CDC requests a three-year OMB approval to collect information in the winter of 2017 and 2019. There are no costs to respondents except their time. CDC estimates 66 hours a year in time burden for the respondents.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
NPCR Awardees	PEI (Online)	30	1	2	60
NPCR Awardees	PEI (Paper)	3	1	2	6

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Total	66

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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.

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 (the 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 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates 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 must be received by February 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send 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) that are 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.

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' website address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to 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:

Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS-10277 Hospice Conditions of Participation

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. 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 requires federal agencies to publish a 60-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.

Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Hospice Conditions of Participation; *Use:* The Conditions of Participation and accompanying requirements are used by Federal or State surveyors as a basis for determining whether a hospice qualifies for approval or re-approval under Medicare. The healthcare industry and CMS believe that the availability to the hospice of the type of records and general content of records, which the final rule (72 FR 32088) specifies, is standard medical practice, and is necessary in order to ensure the well-being and safety of patients and professional treatment accountability. *Form Number:* CMS-10277 (OMB control number: 0938-1067); *Frequency:* Reporting and Recordkeeping—Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private sector (Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents:* 4,473; *Total Annual Responses:* 19,769,931; *Total Annual Hours:* 6,074,745. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Mary Rossi-Coajou at 410-786-6051.)

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