DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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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 August 16, 2018.

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.

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:

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: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

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: Medicaid Drug Use Review (DUR) Program; Use: States must provide for a review of drug therapy before each prescription is filled or delivered to a Medicaid patient. This review includes screening for potential drug therapy problems due to therapeutic duplication, drug-disease contraindications, drug-drug interactions, incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment, drug-allergy interactions, and clinical abuse/misuse. Pharmacists must make a reasonable effort to obtain, record, and maintain Medicaid patient profiles. These profiles reflect at least the patient’s name, address, telephone number, date of birth/age, gender, history, e.g., allergies, drug reactions, list of medications, and pharmacist’s comments relevant to the individual’s drug therapy.

The State must conduct RetroDUR which provides for the ongoing periodic examination of claims data and other records in order to identify patterns of fraud, abuse, inappropriate or medically unnecessary care. Patterns or trends of drug therapy problems are identified and reviewed to establish the need for intervention activity with pharmacists and/or physicians. States may conduct interventions via telephone, correspondence, or face-to-face contact.

Annual reports are submitted to CMS for the purposes of monitoring compliance and evaluating the progress of States’ DUR programs. The information submitted by States is reviewed and results are compiled by CMS in a format intended to provide information, comparisons and trends related to States’ experiences with DUR. The States benefit from the information and may enhance their programs each year based on State reported innovative practices that are compiled by CMS from the DUR annual reports. Form Number: CMS–R–153 (OMB control number: 0938–0659); Frequency: Yearly, quarterly, and occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 51; Total Annual Responses: 663; Total Annual Hours: 41,004. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Emeka Egwim at 410–786–1092.)

Dated: July 12, 2018.

William N. Parham, III,
Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Notice of Intent To Award a Single Supplement to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging

ACTION: Notice of Intent to award a single supplement to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing supplemental funding for the National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults program. The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults program works to identify and disseminate information about emerging trends, resources, and replication strategies that the Aging Network can use and tailor in their communities to support the engagement of older adults. The purpose of this announcement is to award supplemental funds to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to support staff and the development of enhanced resources and tools to support the Aging Network.
Program Name: The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults.
Award Amount: $62,000.
Award Type: Cooperative Agreement.
Statutory Authority: The statutory authority for grants under this notice is contained in Title IV of the Older Americans Act (OAA) (42U.S.C. 3032), as amended by the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006.
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.048 Discretionary Projects.

I. Program Description
The Administration on Aging, an agency of the U.S. Administration for Community Living, established the Engagement and Older Adults Resource Center to better ensure that the Aging Network has the tools and resources necessary for the development of programs that provide older adults effective ways to stay socially engaged. Through myriad approaches such as a website, webinars, fact sheets, and other materials the project is identifying, synthesizing, and disseminating innovative social engagements practices and programming.

II. Justification for the Supplemental Funding
In recent years with growing research demonstrating the correlation between social engagement and healthy aging, there has been an increase in the Aging Network’s desire to seek new and innovative approaches to assist older adults remain active and engaged in the community. The Resource Center has been conducting webinars and identifying engagement resources to highlight on the Center’s website, but there is a need for the project to accelerate the development of tools and resources, such as best practice profiles, fact sheets, and toolkits, to meet the needs of the Aging Network. The supplemental funding will be used to support additional staff to more rapidly identify successful engagement programs and strategies that can be shared with the aging network via the website, webinars, and other written products.

III. Eligible Applicants: Current Grantee
Evaluation Criteria: ACL will use the following evaluation criteria to ensure that proposed activities are within the approved scope and budget of the grant:
Approach
Is the purpose of the funding clearly described? Does it reflect a coherent and feasible approach for successfully achieving the identified outcome(s)? Is the project work plan clear and comprehensive? Does it include sensible and feasible timeframes for the accomplishment of tasks presented?
Budget
Is the budget justified with respect to the adequacy and reasonableness of resources requested? Are budget line items clearly delineated and consistent with project objectives?
Project Impact
Are the expected project benefits/results clear, realistic, and consistent with the objectives and purpose of the project?

IV. Application Review Information
Application will be reviewed by Federal staff.

V. Agency Contact
For further information or comments regarding this program expansion supplement, contact Sherri Clark, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Administration on Aging, Washington, DC 20201; telephone (202) 795–7327; email sherri.clark@acl.hhs.gov.
Dated: July 6, 2018.
Lance Robertson,
Administrator and Assistant Secretary on Aging.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency Information Collection Request. 30-Day Public Comment Request
AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment.
DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before August 16, 2018.
ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or via facsimile to (202) 395–5306.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherrette Funn. Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov or (202) 795–7714. When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0990–0391 and Hospital Preparedness Program Data Collection for reference.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.
Title of the Collection: Hospital Preparedness Program.
Type of Collection: Extension.
OMB No.: 0990–0391.
Abstract: The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) within the Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs (NHPP), in the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Office of Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), in the Department of Health and Human Services is seeking clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension on Generic Data Collection Form. The Generic Data Collection Form will serve as the foundation for assessment and evaluation for HPP stakeholders, recipients, and sub-recipient programs and performance under the HPP Cooperative Agreement (CA) Program.
Program data are gathered from recipients for both ad-hoc episodic reporting as well as required reporting as part of the HPP Cooperative Agreement. Ad-hoc reporting includes but is not limited to Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT) Data Collection Tool, Impact Survey, HPP Partner Survey, CA after action reports, Ebola and Other Special Pathogens. Required reporting include Mid-Year and End-of-Year Progress Reports and other similar information collections (ICs) that account for recipient spending and program performance on all activities conducted in pursuit of achieving the HPP Cooperative Agreement goals.
This generic data collection effort is crucial to HPP’s decision-making process regarding the continued existence, design and funding levels of this program. Results from these data analyses enable HPP to monitor health care emergency preparedness and progress towards national preparedness and response goals. HPP supports