

Form Number: CMS–179 (OMB control number 0938–0193); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,120; *Total Annual Hours:* 22,400. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Annette Pearson at 410–786–6958.)

2. Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension; *Title of Information Collection:* Home Health Change of Care Notice; *Use:* The purpose of the Home Health Change of Care Notice (HHCCN) is to notify original Medicare beneficiaries receiving home health care benefits of plan of care changes. Home health agencies (HHAs) are required to provide written notice to Original Medicare beneficiaries under various circumstances involving the reduction or termination of items and/or services consistent with Home Health Agencies Conditions of Participation (COPs).

The home health COP requirements are set forth in § 1891[42 U.S.C. 1395bbb] of the Social Security Act (the Act). The implementing regulations under 42 CFR 484.10(c) specify that Medicare patients receiving HHA services have rights. The patient has the right to be informed, in advance about the care to be furnished, and of any changes in the care to be furnished. The HHA must advise the patient in advance of the disciplines that will furnish care, and the frequency of visits proposed to be furnished. The HHA must advise the patient in advance of any change in the plan of care before the change is made.”

Notification is required for covered and non-covered services listed in the plan of care (POC). The beneficiary will use the information provided to decide whether or not to pursue alternative options to continue receiving the care noted on the HHCCN. *Form Number:* CMS–10280 (OMB control number: 0938–1196); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profits, Not-for-Profit Institutions); *Number of Respondents:* 12,149; *Total Annual Responses:* 13,640,524; *Total Annual Hours:* 908,459. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jennifer McCormick at 410–786–2852.)

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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

ACTION: Notice; partial withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On October 1, 2018 (83 FR 49389), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a notice entitled, “Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.” That notice invited public comments on three separate information collection requests specific to document identifiers: CMS–10142, CMS–R–262, and CMS–179. Due to technical difficulties associated with CMS–179 (OMB control number: 0938–0193) titled “Medicaid State Plan Base Plan Pages,” through the publication of this document we are withdrawing CMS–179 from our October 1, 2018, information collection request. While the technical issues associated with CMS–179 have recently been resolved, because of the delay we are publishing a new 60-day information collection request elsewhere in today’s **Federal Register**. The November 30, 2018, comment due date for the remaining two collections [CMS–10142 (OMB control number: 0938–0944) titled, “Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP)” and CMS–R–262 (OMB control number: 0938–0763), titled “Contract Year 2020 Plan Benefit Package (PBP) Software and Formulary Submission”] remains in effect without change.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Statewide Data Indicators for Child and Family Services Reviews: Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Children’s Bureau (CB), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration on

Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for public comment on revised syntax used to calculate Statewide Data Indicators for Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs).

SUMMARY: In October 2014, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 61241) with the final plan to replace the statewide data indicators used to determine a state’s substantial conformity with titles IV–B and IV–E of the Social Security Act through the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). In May 2015, ACF published a notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 27263) to correct some of the calculations and language used in the October 2014 notice. After the May 2015 notice, additional technical errors in the syntax and formulation of the statewide data indicators were identified. Some of those errors were discovered by states and other interested parties that operationalized the indicators for continuous quality improvement. Based on the amount of time required to complete a comprehensive review of the syntax, make revisions and validate the accuracy of the calculations; the Children’s Bureau (CB) decided to suspend use of the indicators in determinations of substantial conformity during the third round of CFSRs. In October 2016, CB published CFSR Technical Bulletin #9 to inform states of the decision to limit use of the CFSR statewide data indicators and national performance to context information for round three of CFSRs. Since then, CB has thoroughly reviewed, revised, tested, and obtained independent review and validation of the syntax used to perform data quality checks and calculate state performance on the statewide data indicators. Before CB finalizes the revised syntax, and publishes revised performance results for all states and revised national standards, we invite state child welfare agencies, partner organizations, and the public to review, test, and provide comments on the revised syntax used to perform data quality checks and calculate observed performance on the statewide data indicators.

DATES: Comments are due by February 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket Number ACF–2018–0007, by one of the following methods: