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 March 25, 2019.

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 the 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: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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–10379 Rate Increase Disclosure and Review Requirements (45 CFR part 154)

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 3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the OMB for each collection of information. (§ 147.102, for example, requires agencies to 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

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Rate Increase Disclosure and Review Requirements (45 CFR part 154); Use: 45 CFR part 154 implements the annual review of unreasonable increases in premiums for health insurance coverage called for by section 2794. The regulation established a rate review program to ensure that all rate increases that meet or exceed an established threshold are reviewed by a state or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to determine whether the rate increases are unreasonable. Accordingly, issuers offering non-grandfathered health insurance coverage in the individual and/or small group markets are required to submit Rate Filing Justifications to CMS. Section 154.103(b) exempts grandfathered health plan coverage as defined in 45 CFR 147.140 and excepted benefits as defined in section 2791(c) of the PHS Act. In the Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2019 (2019 Payment Notice) (83 FR 74, April 17, 2018), Section 154.103 was modified so that student health insurance coverage, as defined in § 147.145, is also exempted from Federal rate review requirements for plans beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

Section 154.200(a)(1) previously provided that a rate increase for single risk pool coverage beginning on or after January 1, 2017 was subject to a reasonableness review if: (1) The average increase, including premium rating factors described in § 147.102, for all enrollees, weighted by premium volume for any plan or policy year, meets or exceeds 10 percent; or (2) the increase exceeds a state-specific threshold approved by the Secretary. In the 2019 Payment Notice, this provision was amended to establish a 15 percent federal default threshold for reasonableness review beginning with single risk pool rate filings submitted by issuers for plan or policy years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

The Rate Filing Justification consists of three parts. All issuers must continue to submit a Uniform Rate Review Template (URRT) (Part I of the Rate Filing Justification) for all single risk pool plans. Issuers that submit a rate filing that includes a plan that meets or exceeds the threshold must include a written description justifying the rate increase, also known as the consumer justification narrative (Part II of the Rate Filing Justification). We note that the threshold set by CMS constitutes a minimum standard and most states currently employ stricter rate review standards and may continue to do so. Issuers offering a QHP or any single risk pool submission containing a rate increase of any size must continue to submit an actuarial memorandum (Part III of the Rate Filing Justification). Form Number: CMS–10379 (OMB control number: 0938–1141); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 590; Number of Responses: 18; Total Annual Hours: 20,240. For policy questions regarding this collection, contact Lisa Curozzo at 410–786–1746.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the NIH Clinical Center Research Hospital Board.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: NIH Clinical Center Research Hospital Board.

Date: February 1, 2019.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review program policies.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Conference Room D, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Gretchen Wood, Staff Assistant, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, One Center Drive, Building 1, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–3571, woodgs@nih.gov.

This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the partial Government shutdown of December 2018.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxis, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver’s license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 18, 2019.

Sylvia L. Neal, Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Royalty Board


Determination of Rates and Terms for Digital Performance of Sound Recordings and Making of Ephemeral Copies To Facilitate Those Performances (Web V)

AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board (CRB), Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice announcing commencement of proceeding with request for Petitions to Participate.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) announce commencement of a proceeding to determine reasonable rates and terms for two statutory licenses permitting the digital performance of sound recordings over the internet and the making of ephemeral recordings to facilitate those performances for the period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2025. The Judges also announce the date by which a party wishing to participate in the rate determination proceeding must file its Petition to Participate and the accompanying $150 filing fee.

DATES: Petitions to Participate and the filing fee are due no later than February 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties must submit petitions to participate and the required filing fee, using docket number 19–CRB–0005–WR (2021–2025). The CRB accepts all filings through eCRB, the CRB’s electronic filing application, at https://app.crb.gov/. Parties without access to the internet may file using any of the following methods:

U.S. mail: Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024–0977;

or Overnight service (only USPS Express Mail is acceptable): Copyright Royalty Board, P.O. Box 70977, Washington, DC 20024–0977;

or Commercial courier: Address package to: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, LM–403, 101 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20559–6000. Deliver to: Congressional Courier Acceptance Site, 2nd Street NE and D Street NE, Washington, DC; or


Instructions: Parties unable to use eCRB must submit an original, two paper copies, and an electronic version on a CD. All submissions must include the Copyright Royalty Board name and docket number. All submissions received will be posted without change on eCRB including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket, go to eCRB, the Copyright Royalty Board’s electronic filing and case management system, at https://app.crb.gov/ and search for docket number 19–CRB–0005–WR (2021–2025).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Blaine, CRB Program Specialist, by telephone at (202) 707–7658 or email at crb@loc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Copyright Act, the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) must commence a proceeding every five years to determine reasonable rates and terms to license the digital transmission over the internet of sound recordings and the making of ephemeral recordings to facilitate those transmissions. See 17 U.S.C. 112(e), 114(d)(2), 803(b)(1)(A)(i)(III), 804(b)(3)(A). This notice commences the rate determination proceeding for the license period 2021–2025.

Petitions To Participate

Any party with a significant interest in the outcome of the rate proceeding must file a Petition to Participate in accordance with the Judges’ regulations, including all of the information required by 37 CFR 351.1(b)(1). See 37 CFR 351.1(b). Parties must pay the $150 filing fee for each Petition to Participate. The CRB will not accept cash. Parties filing online through eCRB must pay by credit card. Any party without access to the internet must pay the filing fee with a check or money order made payable to the “Copyright Royalty Board” and mailed or delivered with its Petition to Participate as described in the ADDRESSES section above. If a check is returned for lack of sufficient funds, the corresponding Petition to Participate will be dismissed.

Any participant that is an individual may represent herself or himself. All other participants must be represented by counsel. Only attorneys who are members of the bar in one or more states or the District of Columbia and in good