

- § 482.15(f)(4) through § 482.15(f)(5), to address these CMS requirements regarding emergency plans, policies and procedures for integrated health care systems.

- § 482.21, to ensure that redundant language regarding the Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Condition of participation is removed.

- § 482.23(b)(1) regarding nursing services, to ensure that CMS references are accurately referenced.

- § 482.27(b)(11) regarding hepatitis C virus notifications, to ensure that redundant language in its standard is removed.

- § 482.41(a)(2), to ensure that the requirement for emergency water supply for structures is adequately addressed.

- § 482.41(b)(1)(i) and § 482.41(b)(2), to ensure that the 2012 edition of the Life Safety Code is accurately referenced.

- § 482.41(b)(7), to clarify that Alcohol-Based Hand Rub dispensers are permitted to be installed in areas other than exit access corridors.

- § 482.41(b)(8)(ii), to ensure that fire watches are to be maintained until the system is back in service.

- § 488.5(a)(4)(ii), to ensure that survey activities, including the review of all records, are administered in a comprehensive method comparable to CMS processes.

- § 488.5(a)(4)(iii), to ensure that patient sample sizes are based on the hospital's average sizes daily census and meets minimum sample requirements; and to ensure compliance with AAHHS/HFAP's policies related to documentation related to medical record review.

- § 488.5(a)(4)(iv), to ensure findings of non-compliance are documented under all appropriate CMS standards where non-compliance is found; and to ensure that all citations of noncompliance accurately identify the appropriate CMS requirement.

- § 488.5(a)(12), to ensure that its complaint investigations address the minimum patient sample size for review, as applicable.

- § 488.26(b), to ensure that surveyor documentation is reviewed for manner and degree of non-compliance and subsequently cited at the appropriate level (that is, condition versus standard level).

- § 488.28(a), to ensure that facility plans of correction contain all required elements to be considered comparable to CMS.

B. Term of Approval

Based on our review and observations described in section III of this final

notice, we have determined that AAHHS/HFAP's hospital program requirements meet or exceed our requirements. Therefore, we approve AAHHS/HFAP as a national accreditation organization for hospitals that request participation in the Medicare program, effective September 25, 2019 through September 25, 2023.

V. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: March 12, 2019.

Seema Verma,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier CMS-10157]

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 May 17, 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 following:

1. Access CMS' website address at website 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. 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-10157 The HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System (HETS)

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:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System (HETS); *Use:* HIPAA regulations require covered entities to verify the identity of the person requesting PHI and the person’s authority to have access to that information. Under the HIPAA Security rules, covered entities, regardless of their size, are required under 45 CFR Subtitle A, Subpart C 164.312(a)(2)(i) to “assign a unique name and/or number for identifying and tracking user identity.” A ‘user’ is defined in 164.304 as a “person or entity with authorized access” Accordingly, the HIPAA Security rule requires covered entities to assign a unique name and/or number to each employee or workforce member who uses a system that receives, maintains or transmits electronic PHI so that system access and activity can be identified and tracked by user. This pertains to workforce members within small or large provider offices, health plans, group health plans, and clearinghouses. Federal law requires that CMS take precautions to minimize the security risk to the federal information system. Federal Information Processing Standards Publication(FIPS PUB) 1) 1–2 Paragraph 11.7—Security and Authentication states that: “Agencies shall employ risk management techniques to determine the appropriate mix of security controls needed to protect specific data and systems. The selection of controls shall take into account procedures required under applicable laws and regulations.”

Accordingly, CMS requires that entities who wish to connect to the HETS application via the CMS Extranet and/or internet are uniquely identified. CMS is required to verify the identity of the person requesting the Protected Health Information (PHI) and the person’s authority to have access to Medicare eligibility information. Furthermore, CMS requires that trading partners who wish to conduct eligibility transactions on a real-time basis with CMS provide certain assurances as a condition of receiving access to the Medicare eligibility information for the purpose of conducting real-time 270/271 inquiry/response transactions. *Form Number:* CMS–10157 (OMB control number: 0938–0960); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector; Business or other for profits, Not-for-Profits Institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1000; *Total Annual Responses:* 1000; *Total Annual Hours:* 250. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Rupinder Singh at 410 786–7484.)

Dated: March 13, 2019.
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

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Agency Information Collection Request. 60-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 May 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to *Sherrette.Funn@hhs.gov* or by calling (202) 795–7714.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier 0945–0002–60D, and project title for reference, to Sherrette Funn, the Reports Clearance Officer, *Sherrette.funn@hhs.gov*, or call 202–795–7714.

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: Health Information Privacy and Civil Rights/Conscience and Religious Freedom Discrimination Complaint.

Type of Collection: Revision.
OMB No.: 0945–0002.

Abstract: The Office for Civil Rights is seeking a revision on an approval for a 3-year clearance on a previous collection. Individuals may file written or electronic complaints with the Office for Civil Rights when they believe they have been discriminated against by programs or entities that receive Federal financial assistance from the Health and Human Service or if they believe that their right to the privacy of protected health information freedom has been violated. Annual Number of Respondents frequency of submission is record keeping and reporting on occasion.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

| Written forms/electronic forms | Type of respondent | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Civil Rights/Conscience Religious Freedom Discrimination Complaint. Health Information Privacy Complaint. | Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions. | 8,433 | 1 | 45/60 | 6,325 |
| | Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions. | 25,299 | 1 | 45/60 | 18,974 |
| Total | | | | | 25,299 |