

specified time frame (e.g., 2000–2018) for the purposes of direct solicitation. These organizations represent different groups of currently employed (and, in some cases, former) firefighters, including career and volunteer firefighters; sub-specialties of the fire service, such as arson investigators, instructors, wildland firefighters, and airport rescue firefighters; and specific demographic groups, such as minority and female firefighters, and volunteer firefighters. This strategy would allow CDC to contact members from these organizations for voluntary participation in the Registry.

A strength of this approach is that, because firefighter organizations reach a vast majority of the firefighter workforce, populations representative of specific subgroups of firefighters are more likely to be represented. However, recruiting participants using this method alone may be time-intensive and costly, and could result in a limited sample that is not representative of the entire population of firefighters.

### 3. Fire Department-Level Probability Sampling—Study Population From Select Fire Departments

CDC would obtain a list of fire departments from the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Department Registry and other sources to request identification of current and former firefighters who worked during a specified time frame (e.g., 2000–2018). CDC would then match the rosters of current and former firefighters against the National Death Index (NDI) to determine vital status. Living individuals would be directly contacted (or directed to the web portal) for voluntary recruitment into the Registry. For those firefighters determined to be deceased, the cause of death would be included in the Registry database.

This recruitment method would facilitate reaching large numbers of firefighters by obtaining immediate access to fire department rosters of current and former employees. Depending on the participation rate, this method could yield a Registry population representative of the general population of firefighters and inclusive of specific subgroups of firefighters. However, this approach would require CDC to obtain approval from individual fire departments and coordination with their personnel systems, in addition to contacting members directly, which may be time-intensive and costly.

### CDC Is Seeking Input From All Interested Stakeholders

In order to recruit firefighters to participate in the National Firefighter

Registry, CDC seeks input and advice from all interested stakeholders in response to the following questions:

1. How should CDC define “firefighter” for the purpose of creating the Registry?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses associated with CDC using a combination of all three of the recruitment and enrollment strategies described above?
3. If CDC were to focus on only one or two of the enrollment approaches described above, which one(s) should be used, and why?
4. Are there other recruitment and enrollment methods that CDC should consider? If so, please describe them.
5. What are some ways to maximize firefighter participation in the Registry?
6. Which under-represented or under-studied groups of firefighters should be included in the Registry? Are there unique data collection needs that should be considered to allow sufficient representation of minority, female, and volunteer firefighters? Are there any other unique characteristics of these under-represented or under-studied groups that should be considered or addressed in the Registry?
7. What are the preferred methods for communicating with firefighters in order to increase awareness of the Registry and to communicate research findings?
8. If CDC were to solicit participation from fire departments, what criteria should be used in selecting those departments?
9. What are some ways to maximize the participation of fire departments in efforts to recruit firefighters?
10. What are strategies that can be used to recruit volunteer fire department members?
11. What are strategies that can be used to solicit cooperation of fire departments for the purpose of recruiting women and minority firefighters?
12. Do volunteer fire departments retain employment records and fire incident records?

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**Sandra Cashman,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–3070G–I, CMS–10565]

### 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 April 29, 2019.

**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](mailto: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:

1. Access CMS' website address at website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

1. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to [Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov).

2. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

**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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* ICF/IID Survey Report Form and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The information collected with forms 3070G-I is used to determine the level of compliance with Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) CoPs necessary to participate in the Medicare/Medicaid program. Information needed to monitor the State’s performance as well as the ICF/IID program in general, is available to CMS only through the use of information abstracted from the survey report form. The form serves as a coding worksheet designed to facilitate data entry and retrieval into the Automated Survey Processing Environment Suite (ASPEN) in the State and at the CMS regional offices. *Form Number:* CMS-3070G-I (OMB control number: 0938-0062); *Frequency:* Reporting—Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 6,100; *Total Annual Responses:* 6,100; *Total Annual Hours:* 18,300. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Melissa Rice at 410-786-3270.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Reinstatement with change of a

previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Initial and Renewal Model of Care Submissions Off-cycle Submission of Summaries of Model of Care; *Use:* Section 3205(e) of the Affordable Care Act requires that all skilled nursing facilities (SNPs) be approved by NCQA. This approval is based on NCQA’s evaluation of SNPs’ MOC narratives using MOC scoring guidelines. The Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2018 Section 50311 modified the MOC requirements for C-SNPs in section 1859 (b)(6)(B)(iii) of the Act. Specifically, section (B)(iv) requires that beginning in 2020 and subsequent years, C-SNPs will submit MOCs annually for evaluation and approval.

SNPs are a specific type of Medicare Advantage coordinated care plan that provide targeted care to individuals with unique special need. SNPs are required to submit Models of Care (MOC) as a component of the Medicare Advantage application process through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). NCQA and CMS will use information collected in the SNP Application HPMS module to review and approve MOC narratives in order for a Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) to operate as a new SNP in the upcoming calendar year(s). This information is used by CMS as part of the Medicare Advantage SNP application process. NCQA and CMS will use information collected in the Renewal Submission section of the HPMS MOC module to review and approve the MOC narrative in order for the SNP to receive a new approval period and operate in the upcoming calendar year(s). NCQA and CMS will use information in the Off-Cycle Submission section of the HPMS MOC module to review changes made to an approved MOCs by SNPs. It is the responsibility of SNPs to notify CMS of significant changes to their MOC in HPMS. NCQA will conduct a review for CMS to determine if the changes made to a MOC are consistent with the overall approved MOC before SNPs may implement the changes. *Form Number:* CMS-10565 (OMB control number 0938-1296); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 323; *Total Annual Responses:* 323; *Total Annual Hours:* 1856. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Donna B. Williamson at 410-786-4647.)

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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 May 28, 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