DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services


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 notices 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 May 16, 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.

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. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to 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: Enrollment Opportunity Notice Relating to Lifetime Limits; Required Notice of Rescission of Coverage; and Disclosure Requirements for Patient Protection under the Affordable Care Act; Use: Sections 2712 and 2719A of the Public Health Service Act, as added by the Affordable Care Act, and the interim final regulations titled “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, and Patient Protections” (75 FR 37188, June 28, 2010) contain rescission notice, and patient protection disclosure requirements that are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The rescission notice will be used by health plans to provide advance notice to certain individuals that their coverage may be rescinded as a result of fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact. The patient protection notification will be used by health plans to inform certain individuals of their right to choose a primary care provider, pediatrician and to use obstetrical/gynecological services without prior authorization. The related provisions are finalized in the final regulations titled “Final Rules under the Affordable Care Act for Grandfathered Plans, Preexisting Condition Exclusions, Lifetime and Annual Limits, Rescissions, Dependent Coverage, Appeals, and Patient Protections”. The final regulations also require that, if State law prohibits balance billing, or a plan or issuer is contractually responsible for any amounts balanced billed by an out-of-network emergency services provider, a plan or issuer must provide a participant, beneficiary or enrollee adequate and prominent notice of their lack of financial responsibility with respect to amounts balanced billed in order to prevent inadvertent payment by the individual. Form Number: CMS–10330 (OMB Control Number: 0938–1094); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: Private Sector, State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 920; Number of Responses: 71,268; Total Annual Hours: 524. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Usree Bandyopadhyay at 410–786–6650.)

   2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection; Title of Information Collection: Prepaid Health Plan Cost Report; Use: Health Maintenance Organizations and Competitive Medical Plans (HMO/CMPS) contracting with the Secretary under Section 1876 of the Social Security Act are required to submit a budget and enrollment forecast, semi-annual interim report, 4th Quarter interim report (CMS has waived this annual submission), and a final certified cost report in accordance with 42 CFR 417.572–417.576. The submission, receipt and processing of the cost reports is imperative to determine if MCOs are paid on a reasonable basis for the covered services furnished to Medicare enrollees. CMS reviews the data submitted within the cost reports to establish monthly payment rates, monitor interim rates, and determine the final reimbursement. Health Care Prepayment Plans (HCPPs) contracting with the Secretary under Section 1833 of the Social Security Act are required to submit a budget and enrollment forecast, semi-annual interim report, and final cost report in accordance with 42 CFR 417.806 and 42 CFR 417.810. Form Number: CMS–276 (OMB control number: 0938–0165); Frequency: Quarterly; Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 57; Total Annual Responses: 67; Total Annual Hours: 1,800. (For policy
ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for a 60-day notice request for proposed information collection request associated with the notice [Document Identifier: CMS–10630] entitled “Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Audit Protocol” that was published in the March 15, 2019 (84 FR 9526) Federal Register. The comment period for the information collection request, which would have ended on May 14, 2019, is extended to May 28, 2019.

DATES: The comment period for the information collection request published in the March 15, 2019, Federal Register (84 FR 9526) is extended to 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 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.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786–4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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In the FR Doc. 2019–04895 of March 15, 2019 (84 FR 9526), we published a Paperwork Reduction Act notice requesting a 60-day public comment period for the document entitled “Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) 2020 Audit Protocol”. There were technical delays with making the information collection request publicly available; therefore, in this notice we are extending the comment period from the date originally listed in the March 15, 2019, notice.


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DATES: Comments must be received by June 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and