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 June 24, 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:


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–10261 Part C Medicare Advantage Reporting Requirements and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.516(a)

CMS–10079 Hospital Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey

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 with change of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Part C Medicare Advantage Reporting Requirements and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 422.516(a); Use: Section 1852(m) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and CMS regulations at 42 CFR 422.135 allow Medicare Advantage (MA) plans the ability to provide “additional telehealth benefits” to enrollees starting in plan year 2020 and treat them as basic benefits. MA additional telehealth benefits are limited to services for which benefits are available under Medicare Part B but which are not payable under section 1834(m) of the Act. In addition, MA additional telehealth benefits are services that been identified by the MA plan for the applicable year as clinically appropriate to furnish through electronic information and telecommunications technology (or “electronic exchange”) when the physician (as defined in section 1861(r) of the Act) or practitioner (as defined in section 1842(b)(18)(C) of the Act) providing the service is not in the same location as the enrollee. Per § 422.135(d), MA plans may only furnishing MA additional telehealth benefits using contracted providers.

The changes for the 2020 Reporting Requirements will require plans to report Telehealth benefits. The data collected in this measure will provide CMS with a better understanding of the number of organizations utilizing Telehealth per contract and to also capture those specialties used for both in-person and Telehealth. This data will allow CMS to improve its policy and process surrounding Telehealth. In addition, the specialist and facility data we are collecting aligns with some of the provider and facility specialty types that organizations are required to include in their networks and to submit on their HSD tables in the Network Management Module in Health Plan Management System. Form Number: CMS–10261 (OMB control number: 0938–1054); Frequency: Yearly; Affect Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 594; Total Annual Responses: 4,752; Total Annual Hours: 187,926. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Mark Smith at 410–786–8015.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of
Information Collection: Hospital Wage Index Occupational Mix Survey; Use: Section 304(c) of Public Law 106–554 mandates an occupational mix adjustment to the wage index, requiring the collection of data every 3 years on the occupational mix of employees for each short-term, acute care hospital participating in the Medicare program. The proposed data collection that is included in this submission complies with this statutory requirement. The purpose of the occupational mix adjustment is to control for the effect of hospitals’ employment choices on the wage index. For example, hospitals may choose to employ different combinations of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing aides, and medical assistants for the purpose of providing nursing care to their patients. The varying labor costs associated with these choices reflect hospital management decisions rather than geographic differences in the costs of labor. Form Number: CMS–10079 (OMB control number: 0938–0907); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Business or Other for-Profits, Not-for-Profit Institutions; Number of Respondents: 3,300; Total Annual Responses: 3,300; Total Annual Hours: 1,584,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Tehila Lipschutz at 410–786–1344.)

Dated: April 18, 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

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity: The Early Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (Baby FACES 2020; OMB #0970–0354)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; Administration for Children and Families; HHS.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.


DATES: Comments due within 60 days of publication. In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Alternatively, copies can also be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests, emailed or written, should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Description: This information collection is to provide nationally representative data on Early Head Start (EHS) programs, centers, classrooms, staff, and families to guide program planning, technical assistance, and research. The proposed data collection builds upon a prior round of the study conducted in 2018 (Baby FACES 2018; OMB 0970–0354) that obtained information on EHS programs at a point in time to better understand how program processes support relationships (e.g., between home visitors and parents, between parents and children, and between teachers and children) which are hypothesized to lead to improved child and family outcomes. Baby FACES 2020 has the same goals as Baby FACES 2018, but while the 2018 study focused on classroom-based relationships, the current study will take a closer look at home visiting processes.

Respondents: Early Head Start program directors, child care center directors, teachers and home visitors, and parents of enrolled children.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

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Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,834.

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: Sec 640(a)(2)(D) and Sec 649 of the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act Sec 645A and 649 of the