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April Tabor,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Patient Safety Organizations: Voluntary Relinquishment From the AABB Center for Patient Safety

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of delisting.

SUMMARY: The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule (Patient Safety Rule) authorizes AHRQ, on behalf of the Secretary of HHS, to list as a patient safety organization (PSO) an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act) and Patient Safety Rule, when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason, or when a PSO’s listing expires. AHRQ has accepted a notification of voluntary relinquishment from the AABB Center for Patient Safety, PSO number P0032, of its status as a PSO, and has delisted the PSO accordingly.

DATES: The delisting was effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on April 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The directories for both listed and delisted PSOs are ongoing and reviewed weekly by AHRQ. Both directories can be accessed electronically at the following HHS website: http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/listed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathryn Bach, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 5600 Fishers Lane, MS 06N100B, Rockville, MD 20857; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403–3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427–1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438–7231; TTY (local): (301) 427–1130; Email: pso@ahrq.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Patient Safety Act, 42 U.S.C. 299b–21 to 299b–26, and the related Patient Safety Rule, 42 CFR part 3, published in the Federal Register on November 21, 2008, 73 FR 70732–70814, establish a framework by which individuals and entities that meet the definition of provider in the Patient Safety Rule may voluntarily report information to PSOs listed by AHRQ, on a privileged and confidential basis, for the aggregation and analysis of patient safety events.

The Patient Safety Act authorizes the listing of PSOs, which are entities or component organizations whose mission and primary activity are to conduct activities to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery.

HHS issued the Patient Safety Rule to implement the Patient Safety Act. AHRQ administers the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule relating to the listing and operation of PSOs. The Patient Safety Rule authorizes AHRQ to list as a PSO an entity that attests that it meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for listing. A PSO can be “delisted” if it is found to no longer meet the requirements of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, when a PSO chooses to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO for any reason, or when a PSO’s listing expires. AHRQ has accepted a notification of voluntary relinquishment from the AABB Center for Patient Safety, PSO number P0032, of its status as a PSO, and has delisted the PSO accordingly.

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AHRQ has accepted a notification from AABB Center for Patient Safety, a component entity of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), to voluntarily relinquish its status as a PSO. Accordingly, AABB Center for Patient Safety, P0032, was delisted effective at 12:00 Midnight ET (2400) on April 30, 2019.

AABB Center for Patient Safety has patient safety work product (PSWP) in its possession. The PSO will meet the requirements of section 3.108(c)(2)(i) of the Patient Safety Rule regarding notification to providers that have reported to the PSO and of section 3.108(c)(2)(ii) regarding disposition of PSWP consistent with section 3.108(b)(3). According to section 3.108(b)(3) of the Patient Safety Rule, the PSO has 90 days from the effective date of delisting and revocation to complete the disposition of PSWP that is currently in the PSO’s possession.

More information on PSOs can be obtained through AHRQ’s PSO website at http://www.pso.ahrq.gov.

Gopal Khanna,
Director.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–10105 and CMS–10407]

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 information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 12, 2019.

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

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–10105 National Implementation of the In-Center Hemodialysis CAHPS Survey
CMS–10407 Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary

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: Extension without change of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: National Implementation of the In-Center Hemodialysis CAHPS Survey; Use: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requesting clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue the In-center Hemodialysis CAHPS (ICH CAHPS) Survey to measure patients’ experience of care with in-center hemodialysis (ICH) facilities. Data collected in the national implementation of the ICH CAHPS Survey are used for the following purposes: To provide a source of information from which selected measures can be publicly reported to beneficiaries as a decision aid for dialysis facility selection; to aid facilities with their internal quality improvement efforts and external benchmarking with other facilities; to provide CMS with information for monitoring and public reporting purposes; and to support the ESRD value-based purchasing program. Form Number: CMS–10105 (OMB control number: 0938–0926); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 108,800; Total Annual Responses: 108,800; Total Annual Hours: 58,753. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Julia Zucco at 410–786–6677.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Uniform Glossary; Use: This information collection will ensure that consumers shopping for or enrolled in private, individually purchased, or non-federal governmental group health plan coverage receive the consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act. Employers, employees, and individuals will use this information to compare coverage options prior to selecting coverage and to understand the terms of, and extent of medical benefits offered by, their coverage (or exceptions to such coverage or benefits) once they have coverage. CMS recently received OMB approval for a non-substantive change to the SBC calculator. Specifically, CMS requested that issuers begin using an updated 2020 SBC calculator starting on or after January 1, 2020. However, at this time, CMS is alerting issuers to immediately discontinue use of the 2020 calculator. Until further notice from CMS, issuers should revert back to using the 2017 SBC Calculator and all associated materials (including the 2017 SBC Calculator Excel file, the Guides and Narratives for the coverage examples, and the calculator instructions) to calculate coverage example costs for the SBC. Form Number: CMS–10407 (OMB control number: 0938–1146); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 128,511; Total Annual Responses: 24,433,233; Total Annual Hours: 41,551. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jessica Weinberg at 301–492–4404.)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Procedural Justice-Informed Alternatives to Contempt Demonstration Project Data Collection (OMB #0970–0505)

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement; Administration for Children and Families: HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing to collect data as part of the rigorous evaluation of the Procedural Justice-Informed Alternatives to Contempt (PJAC) demonstration.

DATES: Comments due by July 12, 2019. 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 infocollection@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: The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is proposing a data collection activity as part of the Procedural Justice-Informed Alternatives to Contempt (PJAC)