appraiser who conducts a physical visit of the interior of the property that will secure the transaction, and send a copy of the written appraisal to the consumer. To qualify for the safe harbor provided under the rule, a creditor is required to review the written appraisal as specified in the text of the rule and appendix A. If a loan is classified as a higher-risk mortgage loan that will finance the acquisition of the property to be mortgaged, and the property was acquired within the previous 180 days by the seller at a price that was lower than the current sale price, then the creditor is required to obtain an additional appraisal. A creditor is required to provide the consumer a copy of the appraisal reports performed in connection with the loan, without charge, at least days prior to consummation of the loan.

There is no change in the method or substance of the collection. The overall reduction in burden hours is the result of economic fluctuation. In particular, the number of respondents has decreased while the hours per response and frequency of responses have remained the same.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC’s functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance 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. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, DC, on July 11, 2019.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.
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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

July 12, 2019.
TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, 2019.
STATUS: Open.
MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will hear oral argument in the matter Doe Run Company, Docket No. CENT 2015–318–RM. (Issues include whether the Judge erred in concluding that the operator had violated standards based on strict liability and in failing to conduct separate S&S and negligence analyses.) Any person attending this oral argument who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

PHONE NUMBER FOR LISTENING TO MEETING: 1 (866) 867–4769, Passcode: 678–100.
Sarah L. Stewart,
Deputy General Counsel.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–3381–PN]
Medicare Program: Application From The Joint Commission (TJC) for Initial CMS-Approval of Its Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) Accreditation Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.
ACTION: Proposed notice with request for comment.

SUMMARY: This proposed notice acknowledges the receipt of an application from The Joint Commission (TJC) for initial recognition as a national accrediting organization providing home infusion therapy (HIT) services that wish to participate in the Medicare program. The statute requires that within 60 days of receipt of an organization’s complete application, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) publish a notice that identifies the national accrediting body making the request, describes the nature of the request, and provides at least a 30-day public comment period.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on August 15, 2019.
ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS–3381–PN. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

Comments, including mass comment submissions, must be submitted in one of the following three ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):
1. Electronically. You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the “Submit a comment” instructions.
2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–3381–PN, P.O. Box 8010, Baltimore, MD 21244–8010.
Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. By express or overnight mail. You may send written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–3381–PN, Mail Stop C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Mister-Ward, (410) 786–2441, Shannon Freeland, (410) 786–4348, Lillian Williams, (410) 786–8636

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Inspection of Public Comments: All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post all comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the search instructions on that website to view public comments.

I. Background

Home infusion therapy (HIT) is a treatment option for Medicare beneficiaries, with a wide range of acute and chronic conditions. Section 5012 of the 21st Century Cures Act added section 1861(iii) to the Social Security Act (the Act) establishing a new Medicare benefit for home infusion therapy services. Section 1861(iii)(1) of the Act defines “home infusion therapy” as the items and services described furnished by a qualified home infusion therapy supplier which are furnished in the individual’s home. The individual must—

• Be under the care of an applicable provider; and
• Have a plan of care prescribing the type, amount, and duration of infusion therapy services that are to be furnished/established for him/her and periodically reviewed by a physician, in coordination with the furnishing of home infusion drugs under Part B.

• An “applicable provider” would mean a physician, a nurse practitioner, and a physician assistant.

Section 1861(iii)(3)(D)(III) of the Act, requires that a qualified home infusion therapy supplier be accredited by an AO designated by the Secretary in accordance with section 1834(u)(5) of the Act. Section 1834(u)(5)(A) of the Act identifies factors for designating AOs and in reviewing and modifying the list of designated AOs. These statutory factors are as follows:

• The ability of the organization to conduct timely reviews of accreditation applications.
• The ability of the organization take into account the capacities of suppliers located in a rural area (as defined in section 1866(d)(2)(D) of the Act).
• Whether the organization has established reasonable fees to be charged to suppliers applying for accreditation.
• Such other factors as the Secretary determines appropriate.

Section 1834(u)(5)(B) of the Act requires the Secretary to designate AOs to accredit home infusion therapy suppliers furnishing home infusion therapy not later than January 1, 2021. Section 1861(iii)(3)(D) of the Act defines “qualified home infusion therapy suppliers” as being accredited by a CMS-approved AO.

On March 1, 2019, we published a solicitation notice entitled, “Medicare Program: Solicitation of Independent Accrediting Organizations To Participate in the Home Infusion Therapy Supplier Accreditation Program” (84 FR 7057). This notice informed national accrediting organizations that accredit home infusion therapy suppliers of an opportunity to submit applications to participate in the home infusion therapy supplier accreditation program.

Complete applications will be considered for the January 1, 2021 designation deadline if received by February 1, 2020.

Regulations for the approval and oversight of accrediting organizations for home infusion therapy organizations are located at 42 CFR part 488, subpart L. The requirements for home infusion therapy suppliers are located at 42 CFR part 486, subpart I.

II. Approval of Accreditation Organizations

Section 1834(u)(5) of the Act and § 488.1010 require that our findings concerning review and approval of a national accrediting organization’s requirements consider, among other factors, the applying accrediting organization’s requirements for accreditation; survey procedures; resources for conducting required surveys; capacity to furnish information for use in enforcement activities; monitoring procedures for provider entities found not in compliance with the conditions or requirements; and ability to provide CMS with the necessary data.

Our regulations at 42 CFR 488.1020(a) requires that we publish, after receipt of an organization’s complete application, a notice identifying the national accrediting body making the request, describing the nature of the request, and providing at least a 30-day public comment period. In accordance with § 488.1010(d), we have 210 days from the receipt of a complete application to publish notice of approval or denial of the application.

The purpose of this proposed notice is to inform the public of The Joint Commission’s (TJC’s) initial request for CMS approval of its HIT accreditation program. This notice also solicits public comment on whether TJC’s requirements meet or exceed the Medicare conditions of participation for HIT services.

III. Evaluation of Deeming Authority Request

TJC submitted all the necessary materials to enable us to make a determination concerning its request for initial approval of its HIT accreditation program. This application was determined to be complete on May 19, 2019. Under section 1834(u)(5) of the Act and § 488.1010 (Application and re-application procedures for national home infusion therapy accrediting organizations), our review and evaluation of TJC will be conducted in accordance with, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

• The equivalency of TJC’s standards for HIT as compared with CMS’ HIT conditions for certification.
• TJC’s survey process to determine the following:
  ++ The composition of the survey team, surveyor qualifications, and the ability of the organization to provide continuing surveyor training;
  ++ The comparability of TJC’s to CMS standards and processes, including survey frequency, and the ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against accredited facilities.
  ++ TJC’s processes and procedures for monitoring a HIT found out of compliance with TJC’s program requirements.
  ++ TJC’s capacity to report deficiencies to the surveyed facilities and respond to the facility’s plan of correction in a timely manner.
  ++ TJC’s capacity to provide CMS with electronic data and reports necessary for effective assessment and interpretation of the organization’s survey process.
  ++ The adequacy of TJC’s staff and other resources, and its financial viability.
V. Response to Public Comments

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on Federal Register documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the DATES section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

Upon completion of our evaluation, including evaluation of comments received as a result of this notice, we will publish a final notice in the Federal Register announcing the result of our evaluation.

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. A new addition for this round is a measure of parent-child interaction which will allow exploration of hypothesized associations between home visitor-parent relationships and parent-child relationships. All other instruments are updates of those approved for the last round in 2018.

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

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