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

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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-10717 Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audit and Industry-Wide Part C Timeliness Monitoring Project (TMP) Protocols*

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:* New Collection (Request for a new OMB control number); *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audit and Industry-Wide Part C Timeliness Monitoring Project (TMP) Protocols; *Use:* Under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 and implementing regulations at 42 CFR parts 422 and 423, Medicare Part D plan sponsors and Medicare Advantage organizations are required to comply with all Medicare Parts C and D

program requirements. CMS' annual audit plan ensures that we evaluate sponsoring organizations' compliance with these requirements by conducting program audits that focus on high-risk areas that have the greatest potential for beneficiary harm. As such, CMS has developed the following audit protocols for use by sponsoring organizations to prepare for their audit:

- Compliance Program Effectiveness (CPE)
- Part D Formulary and Benefit Administration (FA)
- Part D Coverage Determinations, Appeals, and Grievances (CDAG)
- Part C Organization Determinations, Appeals, and Grievances (ODAG)
- Special Needs Plans Care Coordination (SNPCC)

CMS generally conducts program audits at the parent organization level in an effort to reduce burden and, for routine audits, subjects each sponsoring organization to all applicable program area protocols. For example, if a sponsoring organization does not offer a special needs plan, or an accrediting organization has deemed a special needs plan compliant with CMS regulations and standards, CMS would not apply the SNPCC protocol. Likewise, CMS would not apply the ODAG audit protocol to an organization that offers only a standalone prescription drug plan since that organization does not offer the MA benefit. Conversely, ad hoc audits resulting from referral may be limited in scope and, therefore, all program area protocols may not be applied.

In addition, as part of the robust program audit process, CMS also requires sponsoring organizations that have undergone a program audit and found to have deficiencies to undergo a validation audit to ensure correction. The validation audit uses the same audit protocols, but only tests the elements where deficiencies were found as opposed to re-administering the entire audit. Finally, CMS conducts annual industry-wide timeliness monitoring of all Part C organizations by using a subset of the ODAG protocol. However, sponsoring organizations that successfully submitted all of their Part C data in response to a program audit in the prior year are excluded from submitting new data for the timeliness monitoring effort in the year following their program audit.

The information gathered during this program audit will be used by the Medicare Parts C and D Oversight and Enforcement Group (MOEG) within the Center for Medicare (CM) and CMS Regional Offices to assess sponsoring

organizations' compliance with Medicare program requirements. If outliers or other data anomalies are detected, Regional Offices will work in collaboration with MOEG and other divisions within CMS for follow-up and resolution. Additionally, MA and Part D organizations will receive the audit results and will be required to implement corrective action to correct any identified deficiencies. *Form Number:* CMS-10717 (OMB control number: 0938-New); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profits institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 190; *Total Annual Responses:* 179; *Total Annual Hours:* 36,082. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kellie Simons at 410-786-0886.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**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 January 6, 2020.

**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:

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3. 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:* Reinstatement without change of a currently approved collection; *Title*

*of Information Collection:* Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction Supporting Regulations; *Use:* Section 1864(a) of the Social Security Act requires that the Secretary use state survey agencies to conduct surveys to determine whether health care facilities meet Medicare and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments participation requirements. The Form CMS-2567 is the means by which the survey findings are documented. This section of the law further requires that compliance findings resulting from these surveys be made available to the public within 90 days of such surveys. The Form CMS-2567 is the vehicle for this disclosure. The form is also used by health care facilities to document their plan of correction and by CMS, the states, facilities, purchasers, consumers, advocacy groups, and the public as a source of information about quality of care and facility compliance. The regulations at 42 CFR 488.18 require that state survey agencies document all deficiency findings on a statement of deficiencies and plan of correction, which is the CMS-2567. Sections 488.26 and 488.28 further delineate how compliance findings must be recorded and that CMS prescribed forms must be used. *Form Number:* CMS-2567 (OMB Control Number: 0938-0391); *Frequency:* Yearly and occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector (Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Responses:* 64,500; *Total Annual Responses:* 64,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 129,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Caecilia Blondiaux at 410-786-2190.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity; State Plan Child Support Collection and Establishment of Paternity Title IV-D OCSE-100 and OCSE-21-U4

**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 requesting a three-year extension of the forms OCSE-21-U4: Transmittal and Notice of Approval of State Plan Material for: Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and OCSE-100: State Plan (OMB #0970-0017, expiration 7/31/2020).

**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 [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto: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 (OPRE), 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests, emailed or written, should be identified by the title of the information collection.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Description:* OCSE has approved an IV-D state plan for each state. Federal regulations require states to amend their state plans only when necessary to reflect new or revised federal statutes, regulations, or material changes in any state laws, regulations, policies, or IV-D agency procedures. The requirement for submission of a state plan and plan amendments for the Child Support Enforcement Program is found in sections 452, 454, and 466 of the Social Security Act. OCSE made minor revisions to the OCSE-21-U4 to remove outdated language and add an option for states to electronically request or renew an exemption from the mandatory laws and procedures in Section 466 of the Social Security Act via the online state plan system. These revisions do not increase the burden of the OCSE-21-U4.

*Respondents:* State IV-D Agencies.