eligible for the primary credit program\(^2\) and (2) permit a streamlined procedure to request collateralized intraday credit (max caps) for institutions that are eligible only for the secondary credit program.\(^3\) The Board also suspended the collection of information under the Annual Daylight Overdraft Capital Report for U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FR 2225, OMB Number 7100–0216) and the Annual Report of Net Debit Cap (FR 2226, OMB Number 7100–0217).

A number of other Federal Reserve initiatives aimed at mitigating the disruptions from the COVID–19 pandemic are scheduled to remain in effect until March 2021.\(^4\) In order to complement these ongoing initiatives, the Board is extending the temporary actions until March 31, 2021. The extension of the temporary actions will support the flow of credit to households and business by encouraging healthy depository institutions to utilize intraday credit from Reserve Banks. Extending the temporary actions will also allow Reserve Banks to prioritize operational activities aimed at mitigating the disruptions from the COVID–19 pandemic.

Accordingly, the Board is extending the expiration date of the temporary actions from September 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021.


Ann E. Mishack, Secretary of the Board.

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2 The Reserve Banks’ primary credit program is available to institutions that are in generally sound financial condition. 12 CFR 201.4(a).
3 Secondary credit is a lending program that is available to depository institutions that are not eligible for primary credit. See generally 12 CFR 201.4(b).
4 The Commercial Paper Funding Facility will cease purchasing commercial paper on March 17, 2021. Similarly, certain temporary changes related to the supplementary leverage ratio will remain in effect through March 31, 2021. 85 FR 32080 (June 1, 2020). Finally, on July 29, 2020, the Board announced the extension from September 19, 2020 to March 31, 2021 of its temporary U.S. dollar liquidity swap lines and the temporary repurchase agreement facility for foreign and international monetary authorities.
program these Star Ratings were used only to provide additional information for beneficiaries to consider in making their Part C and D plan elections. Additionally, section 1854(b)(1)(C)(v) of the Act, as added by the Affordable Care Act, also requires CMS to change the share of savings that MA organizations must provide to enrollees as the beneficiary rebate specified at § 422.266(a) based on the level of a sponsor’s Star Rating for quality performance.

The information collected on the Request for Reconsideration form from MA organizations is considered by the reconsideration official and potentially the hearing officer to review CMS’s determination of the organization’s eligibility for a QBP. The form asks MA organizations to select the Star Ratings measure(s) they believe was miscalculated or used incorrect data and describe what they believe is the issue. Under § 422.260(c)(3)(ii) these are the only bases for appeals. In conducting the reconsideration, the reconsideration official will review the QBP determination, the evidence and findings upon which it was based, and any other written evidence submitted by the organization with their Request for Reconsideration or by CMS before the reconsideration determination is made.

The administrative review process is a two-step process that includes a request for reconsideration and a request for an informal hearing on the record after CMS has sent the MA organization the reconsideration decision. Both steps are conducted at the contract level. The first step allows the MA organization to request a reconsideration of how its Star Rating for the given measure in question was calculated and/or what data were included in the measure. If the MA organization is dissatisfied with CMS’s reconsideration decision, the contract may request an informal hearing to be conducted by a hearing officer designated by CMS. MA organizations will have 10 business days from the time they issue the notice of QBP status to submit a request for reconsideration. MA organizations will have 10 business days after the issuance of the reconsideration determination to request an informal hearing on the record. Form Number: CMS–10346 (OMB control number: 0938–1129); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector, Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 20; Total Annual Responses: 20; Total Annual Hours: 555; Total Number of Respondents: 149,850. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Joy Binion at 410–786–6567.)

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision with change of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP); Use: This collection dates back to 2005. Under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), and implementing regulations at 42 CFR, Medicare Advantage organizations (MAO) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) are required to submit an actuarial pricing “bid” for each plan offered to Medicare beneficiaries for approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). MAOs and PDPs use the Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) software to develop their actuarial pricing bid. The competitive bidding process defined by the “The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act” (MMA) applies to both the MA and Part D programs. It is an annual process that encompasses the release of the MA rate book in April, the bid’s that plans submit to CMS in June, and the release of the Part D and RPPO benchmarks, which typically occurs in August. Form Number: CMS–10142 (OMB control number: 0938–0944); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 555; Total Annual Responses: 4,995; Total Annual Hours: 149,850. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Rachel Shevland at 410–786–3026.)

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Fast Track Appeals Notices: NOMNC/DENC Use: The purpose of the NOMNC is to help a beneficiary/enrollee decide whether to pursue a fast appeal by a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) and how to file that request. Consistent with §§ 405.1200 and 422.624, SNFs, HHAs, CORFs, and hospices must provide notice to all beneficiaries/enrollees whose Medicare-covered services are ending, no later than two days in advance of the proposed termination of service. This information is conveyed to the beneficiary/enrollee via the NOMNC.

If a beneficiary/enrollee appeals the termination decision, the beneficiary/enrollee and the QIO, consistent with §§ 405.1200(b) and 405.1202(f) for Original Medicare, and §§ 422.624(b) and 422.626(e)(1)–(5) for Medicare health plans, will receive a detailed explanation of the reasons services should end. This detailed explanation is provided to the beneficiary/enrollee using the DENC, the second notice included in this renewal package. Form Number: CMS–10123/10124 (OMB control number: 0938–0953); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Private Sector, Business or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 24,915; Total Annual Responses: 5,314,194; Total Annual Hours: 1,142,749. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Janet Miller at Janet.Miller@cms.hhs.gov.)

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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, Health and Human 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 November 5, 2020.