

by a system of records, FCC/WTB-1, "Wireless Services Licensing Records", and these and all other records may be disclosed pursuant to the Routine Uses as stated in the SORN.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collected is necessary to require owners of marine VHF radios with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability to register information such as the name, address, type of vessel with a private entity issuing marine mobile service identities (MMSI). The information would be used by search and rescue personnel to identify vessels in distress and to select the proper rescue units and search methods.

The requirement to collect this information is contained in international agreements with the U.S. Coast Guard and private sector entities that issue MMSI's.

The information is used by private entities to maintain a database used to provide information about the vessel owner in distress using marine VHF radios with DSC capability. If the data were not collected, the U.S. Coast Guard would not have access to this information which would increase the time and effort needed to complete a search and rescue operation.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Cecilia Sigmund,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and its continuation at the conclusion of the open meeting on March 25, 2021.

**PLACE:** 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC. (This meeting will be a virtual meeting).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Compliance matters pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 30109.

Information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to have a considerable adverse effect on the implementation of a proposed Commission action.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

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**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Vicktoria J. Allen,**

*Acting Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Public Comment Period Extended for Strategies To Improve Patient Safety: Draft Report to Congress for Public Comment and Review by the National Academy of Medicine

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension in comment period.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Patient Safety Act), the Secretary of HHS (the Secretary) is making this draft report on effective strategies for reducing medical errors and increasing patient safety available to the public for review and comment. Through this notice the comment period is extended. The subject matter content remains unchanged from the original notice which was published on December 16, 2020 (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/16/2020-27589/notice-of-opportunity-to-comment-on-strategies-to-improve-patient-safety-draft-report-to-congress>).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft report, Strategies to Improve Patient Safety: Draft Report to Congress for Public Comment and Review by the National Academy of Medicine, can be accessed electronically at the following HHS website: <https://pso.ahrq.gov/legislation/act>. Comments on the draft report must be submitted by email to [PSQIA.RC@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:PSQIA.RC@ahrq.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Paula DiStabile, Patient Safety Organization Division, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ; telephone (toll free): (866) 403-3697; telephone (local): (301) 427-1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438-7231; TTY (local): (301) 427-1130; email: [PSQIA.RC@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:PSQIA.RC@ahrq.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

The Secretary, in consultation with the Director of AHRQ, has prepared a draft report on effective strategies for reducing medical errors and increasing patient safety as required by the Patient Safety Act. The report includes measures determined appropriate by the Secretary to encourage the appropriate use of such strategies, including use in any federally funded programs. The draft report is now available for public comment and has been submitted to the National Academy of Medicine for review. The final report is required to be submitted to Congress no later than December 21, 2021. The specific provision describing these requirements can be found at 42 U.S.C. 299b-22(j).

The Patient Safety Act created a framework for the development of a voluntary patient safety event reporting system to advance patient safety and quality of care across the Nation. Without limiting patients' rights to their medical information, the law created Federal legal privilege and confidentiality protections for patient safety work product; that is, information exchanged between healthcare providers and organizations listed by the Secretary that specialize in patient safety and quality improvement, called patient safety organizations (PSOs). The law charged PSOs with analyzing and using this information to provide feedback and assistance to help providers minimize patient risk and improve the safety and quality of their care. More information about the Patient Safety Act, its implementing regulation, and PSOs can be found at <https://pso.ahrq.gov/>.

In addition to creating a protected legal environment where healthcare providers can share information and learning for improvement purposes beyond organizational and State boundaries, Congress also envisioned and created the potential for aggregating and analyzing patient safety data on a national scale. This part of the Patient Safety Act, the network of patient safety databases (NPSD), is a mechanism that can leverage data contributed by individual healthcare providers and PSOs across the United States into a valuable national resource for improving patient safety. Congress required the draft report that is the subject of this Notice to be made available for public comment and submitted to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine) no later than 18 months after the NPSD became operational. The NPSD became operational on June 21, 2019. More information about the NPSD

can be found at <https://www.ahrq.gov/npsd/index.html>.

### Overview of the Draft Report

The draft report contains three chapters. It begins with an overview of the impetus for and objectives of the Patient Safety Act, its key provisions, and some milestones in its implementation. Chapter 2 reviews some of the principles and concepts underlying effective patient safety improvement, provides an overview of research and measurement in patient safety, and presents the strategies and practices for reducing medical errors and increasing patient safety reviewed in AHRQ's Making Healthcare Safer reports, published in 2001, 2013, and 2020. Together, these reports reviewed the existing evidence for the effectiveness of more than 100 patient safety strategies and practices used in hospitals, primary care practices, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare settings. They include cross-cutting strategies and topics such as patient and family engagement and teamwork training; safety topics specific to particular clinical interventions, such as medications and surgery; a variety of tools and processes, such as rapid response teams and antimicrobial stewardship; and practices that target prevention of specific harms, such as healthcare-associated infections and pressure injuries. Hyperlinks in the draft report lead to the full text of the evidence review and to later updates regarding the assessment of evidence for the effectiveness for each strategy and practice. The final chapter in the draft report begins with an overview of learning health systems and concepts underlying effective implementation of patient safety strategies. It provides examples of resources Federal agencies make available to encourage healthcare providers to use effective patient safety strategies and describes "Safer Together: A National Action Plan to Advance Patient Safety," recently released by the National Steering Committee for Patient Safety that was convened by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. The draft report concludes by describing an approach that has a track record of success in encouraging providers to use effective practices to improve patient safety and outlines measures that could accelerate progress in improving patient safety and encouraging the use of effective patient safety improvement strategies.

### Where To View the Draft Report and How To Submit Comments

The draft report is posted on the AHRQ PSO Program website at <https://>

[psa.ahrq.gov/legislation/act](https://www.ahrq.gov/legislation/act). The website contains a link to the email address for submitting comments on the draft report, which is [PSQIA.RC@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:PSQIA.RC@ahrq.hhs.gov).

Dated: March 15, 2021.

**Marquita Cullom,**

*Associate Director.*

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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, 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 April 19, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open

for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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:

1. Access CMS' website address at: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

**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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Creditable Coverage Disclosure to CMS On-Line Form and Instructions; *Use:* Section 1860D-13 of the Social Security Act, as established by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) and implementing regulations at 42 CFR 423.56(e), require that entities that offer prescription drug benefits under any of the types of coverage described in 42 CFR 423.56(b) provide a disclosure of creditable coverage to CMS.

There are other disclosure and notification requirements to Part D eligible individuals in § 423.56(c), (d), and (f); this PRA covers the requirement in subsection (e). Entities required to make this disclosure state whether their prescription drug coverage meets the actuarial requirements defined in § 423.56(a). Most entities that currently provide prescription drug benefits to any Medicare Part D eligible individual must disclose whether their prescription