contact Caroline Gallaher at 410–786–8705.

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a previously approved collection;

Title of Information Collection: Medicare Part D Reporting Requirements; Use: Section 1860D–12(b)(3)(D) of the Act provides broad authority for the Secretary to add terms to the contracts with Part D sponsors, including terms that require the sponsor to provide the Secretary with information as the Secretary may find necessary and appropriate. Pursuant to our statutory authority, we codified these information collection requirements for Part D sponsors in regulation at 42 CFR 423.514(a).

Data collected via the Medicare Part D reporting requirements will be an integral resource for oversight, monitoring, compliance, and auditing activities necessary to ensure quality provision of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits to beneficiaries. For all reporting sections (Enrollment and disenrollment, Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Programs, Grievances, Improving Drug Utilization Review Controls, Coverage Determinations and Redeterminations, and Employer/Union Sponsored Sponsors), data are reported electronically to CMS. The data collected via the MTM and Grievances reporting sections are used in the Medicare Part C and D Star Ratings and Display Measures. The other reporting sections’ data are analyzed for program oversight to ensure the availability, accessibility, and acceptability of sponsors’ services, such as coverage determinations and appeals processes, and opioid safety edits at the time of dispensing. Form Number: CMS–10185 (OMB control number: 0938–0992); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; Number of Respondents: 814; Total Annual Responses: 12,575; Total Annual Hours: 16,463. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Chanelle Jones at 410–786–1849).

4. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a previously approved collection; Title of Information Collection: CMS Identity Management (IDM) System; Use: HIPAA regulations require covered entities to verify the identity of the person requesting Personal Health Information (PHI) and the person’s authority to have access to that information. Per the HIPAA Security Rule, covered entities, regardless of their size, are required under Section 164.312(a)(2)(ii) to “assign a unique name and/or number for identifying and tracking user identity.” A ‘user’ is defined in Section 164.304 as a “person or entity with authorized access”. Accordingly, the Security Rule requires covered entities to assign a unique name and/or number to each employee or workforce member who uses a system that receives, maintains or transmits electronic PHI, so that system access and activity can be identified and tracked by user. This pertains to workforce members within health plans, group health plans, small or large provider offices, clearinghouses and beneficiaries.

The information collected will be gathered and used solely by CMS, approved contractor(s), and state health insurance exchanges to prove the identity of an individual requesting electronic access to CMS protected information or services. Information confidentiality will conform to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) requirements. Respondents may also access CMS’ Terms of Service and Privacy Statement on the CMS Portal and IDM websites.

CMS has moved from this centralized on premise model for enterprise identity management to a cloud-based solution, IDM, with multiple products providing specialized services: Okta Identity as a Service (IDaaS), which includes Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) services; Experian Remote Identity Proofing (RIDP) services; and Cloud Computing Services-Amazon Web Services/ Information Technology Operations (CCS–AWS/ITOps) Hub Hosting. In order to prove the identity of an individual requesting electronic access to CMS protected information or services, IDM (leveraging Experian Precise ID RIDP services) will collect a core set of attributes about that individual. Form Number: CMS–10452 (OMB control number: 0938–1236); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Individuals and Households; Number of Respondents: 560,000; Total Annual Responses: 560,000; Total Annual Hours: 186,667. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Malachi Robinson at 410–786–1849).

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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. 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:

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: Revision of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Generic Clearance for Medicaid and CHIP State Plan, Waiver, and Program Submissions; Use: State Medicaid and CHIP agencies are responsible for developing submissions to CMS, including state plan amendments and requests for waivers and program demonstrations. States use templates when they are available and submit the forms to review for consistency with statutory and regulatory requirements (or in the case of waivers and demonstrations whether the proposal is likely to promote the objectives of the Medicaid program). If the requirements are met, we approve the states’ submissions giving them the authority to implement the flexibilities. For a state to receive Medicaid Title XIX funding, there must be an approved Title XIX state plan. The development of streamlined submissions forms enhances the collaboration and partnership between states and CMS by documenting our policy for states to use as they are developing program changes. Streamlined forms improve efficiency of administration by creating a common and user-friendly understanding of the information we need to quickly process requests for state plan amendments, waivers, and demonstration, as well as ongoing reporting. This notice replaces the notice that published on February 26, 2021 (86 FR 11779) and was subsequently withdrawn on March 9 (86 FR 13565). Form Number: CMS–10398 (OMB control number: 0938–1148); Frequency: Collection-specific; but generally the frequency is yearly, once, and occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 56; Total Responses: 1,540; Total Hours: 154,104 (3-year total). (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Annette Pearson at 410–786–6858.)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Evaluation of Project Connect (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is proposing a new information collection to assess the implementation of Project Connect, a comprehensive home visitation intervention that provides home-based services and treatment to child welfare-involved, substance-affected families with children and adolescents ages 0 to 17. The program aims to strengthen, and address the complex needs of, substance-affected families by providing intensive, long-term services that address issues of unhealthy parental substance use and help parents recover while keeping children safe. It focuses on maintaining children safely in their homes (preventing admission to care) or facilitating reunification when children have been placed in out-of-home care. The implementation study will support a planned effectiveness evaluation that will rely on administrative data to examine the impact of the program on child welfare outcomes. These information collection activities will take place over the course of five site visits to the program and child welfare agency that are participating in the study. Information collection activities include interviews with program and child welfare agency administrators, focus groups with program and child welfare agency staff, interviews and focus groups with participants, interviews with other program stakeholders, and observations of program staff meetings, program delivery, and judicial hearings. Site visits will also include direct observations of staff delivery of the program, program staff meetings, and relevant judicial hearings/activities for program families.

This evaluation is part of a larger project to help ACF build the evidence base in child welfare through rigorous evaluation of programs, practices, and policies. The activities and products from this project will contribute to evidence building in child welfare and help to determine the effectiveness of a substance use program on child welfare outcomes.

Respondents: Semi-structured interviews will be completed with agency and program administrators, parents who are participating in the program, parents receiving services as usual, and other program stakeholders. Focus groups will be conducted with agency and program staff and parents who are participating in the program and parents receiving services as usual.