

instructions for submitting comments), or

• *By Mail:* NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, MS C-34, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1998.

Instructions: All written submissions received in response to this notice must include the agency name (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS) and docket number (CDC-2024-0040, NIOSH-063-E) for this action. All relevant comments, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily Haas, 626 Cochran Mill Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236; Telephone (412) 386-4627 (this is not a toll-free number); Email: NIOSHFireTrauma@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NIOSH FFFIPP conducts independent investigations of firefighter LODD and recommends ways to prevent deaths and traumatic injuries. Since its inception in 1998, the NIOSH FFFIPP has held periodic meetings with the fire service community and interested parties to seek input about the program. These meetings have been an important component of the program and are vital to ensure the program is meeting the needs and expectations of those it serves. The FFFIPP has posted the results of these periodic meetings on its website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/abouttheprogram/ourworkreviewed/ourworkreviewed.html>.

Input received from these meetings and from individuals has emphasized the need to consider factors beyond the physical environment in which response activities occur. As examples, effective communication and team dynamics, psychological stress and resilience, organizational leadership, and safety culture may impact decision-making, task execution, and job performance. However, the FFFIPP program serves as a public health effort; therefore, recommendations do not and cannot enforce compliance with state or federal job safety and health standards or determine fault or place blame on fire departments or individual firefighters. The purpose of this request for information (RFI) is to ascertain (1) the public's interest and need for NIOSH to incorporate human factors considerations into LODD investigations; (2) specific human factors elements that should be considered; (3) methods that can be employed during investigations to collect, analyze, and document this

information through reliable quantitative and qualitative approaches; and (4) ways to incorporate human factors findings and recommendations into reports without placing blame on fire departments or firefighters.

Information related to human factors in LODD investigations may include but is not limited to:

- Considerations around communication, including team dynamics and leadership communication
- Potential for environmental elements to impact cognitive function (e.g., distraction)
- Operational stressors to be considered
- Ways to retroactively assess emotional and psychological stress
- Ways to retroactively assess physiological stress and resilience (e.g., sleep deprivation and fatigue)
- Safety culture
- Components of risk profile narratives
- Organizational leadership practices
- Research needs and social science or psychological methods to objectively collect this information
- Methods to integrate this information into reports without placing blame (e.g., identifying systematic issues that drive or allow behaviors, actions, and decisions)

LODD are complex events that are affected by many interdependent factors. These considerations or factors might vary depending on whether the fire department is serving a rural, urban, suburban, or wildland-urban interface area; is career, volunteer, or combination; and the work schedule and shifts of the responding firefighters. These aspects, among others, can be recognized when responding with feedback.

NIOSH plans to review and assess the public comments and information provided to determine how, if applicable, the FFFIPP could be updated to incorporate human factors considerations into LODD investigations. Additional information is available on the NIOSH FFFIPP—About the Program Page (<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/abouttheprogram/abouttheprogram.html>). NIOSH will update this page and investigation processes as necessary to be consistent with the assessment of the information obtained from this RFI and other means of information-gathering.

To reiterate, this RFI is intended to announce the opportunity for the public to provide NIOSH with information about considerations and approaches to assess human factors and, if applicable,

inclusion in its FFFIPP LODD investigation and reporting processes for traumatic injuries. Information related to human factors and the fire service in the following areas is especially desired: the need for this information to be collected, specific human factors elements that should be considered, social science and psychological methods that could be employed during investigations, and objective reporting recommendations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS-10695]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; 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 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates 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 must be received by July 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for “Comment or Submission” or “More Search Options” to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: _____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, please access the CMS PRA website by copying and pasting the following web address into your web browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

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-10695—Quality Payment Program/Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Surveys and Feedback Collections

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:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Quality Payment Program/Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Surveys and Feedback Collections; *Use:* The purpose of this submission is to request approval for generic clearance of a program of survey and feedback collections supporting the Quality Payment Program which includes the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Advanced Alternative Payment Models (AAPMs). MIPS is a program for certain eligible clinicians that makes Medicare payment adjustments based on performance on quality, cost and other measures and activities, and that consolidates components of three precursor programs—the Physician Quality Reporting system (PQRS), the Value Modifier (VM), and the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program for eligible professionals. AAPMs are a track of the Quality Payment Program that offer incentives for achieving threshold levels of payments or patients in Advanced APMs or Other Payer Advanced APMs. Under the AAPM path, eligible clinicians may become Qualifying APM Participants (QPs) and are excluded from MIPS. Partial Qualifying APM Participants (Partial QPs) may opt to report and be scored under MIPS.

This generic clearance will cover a program of surveys and feedback collections designed to strategically obtain data and feedback from MIPS eligible clinicians, third-party intermediaries, Medicare beneficiaries, and any other audiences that would support the Agency in improving MIPS or the Quality Payment Program. The specific collections we intend to conduct are: Human Centered Design (HCD) User Testing Volunteer Sign-Up Survey; HCD User Satisfaction, Product Usage, and Benchmarking Surveys; and Physician Compare (and/or successor website) User Testing. *Form Number:* CMS-10695 (OMB control number: 0938-1399); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions and Individuals; *Number of Respondents:* 630,300; *Total Annual Responses:* 630,300; *Total Annual Hours:* 61,035. (For policy questions

regarding this collection, contact Renee O’Neill at 410-786-8821.)

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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