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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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1. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection. Title of Information Collection: Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS). Use: The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 mandated that states report their Medicaid data via MSIS. MSIS is used by states and other jurisdictions to report fundamental statistical data on the operation of their Medicaid program. Data provided on eligibles, beneficiaries, payments and services are vital to those studying and assessing Medicaid policies and costs. Medicaid statistical data are routinely requested by CMS, Department agencies, the Congress and their

research offices, state Medicaid agencies, research organizations, social service interest groups, universities and colleges, and the health care industry. The data provides the only national level information available on enrollees, beneficiaries, and expenditures. It also provides the only national level information available on Medicaid utilization. This information is the basis for analyses and for cost savings estimates for the Department's cost sharing legislative initiatives to the Congress. The data is also crucial to CMS and HHS actuarial forecasts. Form Number: CMS-R-284 (OCN 0938-0345). Frequency: Quarterly. Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments. Number of Respondents: 51. Total Annual Responses: 204. Total Annual Hours: 2,040. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kay Spence. at 410-786-1617. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

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2. By regular mail. You may mail written comments to the following address:

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