



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

ACTION: Notice and withdrawal of previous 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 any of the following subjects: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 **[Insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

As of **[Insert date of publication in the Federal Register]** and as described below under “Partial Withdrawal of Previous Notice,” the CMS–10261-related portion of the notice that published on August 24, 2015 (80 FR 51275) is withdrawn.

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, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS’ Web Site address at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.

2. E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

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: Part C Medicare Advantage Reporting Requirements and Supporting Regulations; Use: There are a number of information users of Part C reporting data, including our central and regional office staff that use this information to monitor health plans and to hold them accountable for their performance, researchers, and other government agencies such as the Government Accounting Office. Health plans can use this information to measure and benchmark their performance.

Based on internal review, this notice withdraws a portion of a prior notice (August 24, 2015) concerning the same subject matter and corrects that notice by adding a new requirement

which was inadvertently omitted from that notice. Specifically, we propose to add a new Payments to Providers reporting section to capture data related to MA organizations' value-based payments. Upon OMB approval, the Payments to Providers section would add 10 data elements.

HHS has developed four categories of value based payment: (1) fee-for-service with no link to quality; (2) fee-for-service with a link to quality; (3) alternative payment models built on fee-for-service architecture; and (4) population-based payment. To compliment HHS' action, CMS is seeking to collect data from MA organizations about the proportion of their payments to providers made based on these four categories. The collected information would help us understand the extent and use of alternate payment models in the MA industry.

Form Number: CMS-10261 (OMB Control Number 0938-1054); Frequency: Yearly and semi-annually; Affected Public: Private sector (business or other for-profits); Number of Respondents: 561; Total Annual Responses: 3,508; Total Annual Hours: 182,023. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Terry Lied at 410-786-8973).

Partial Withdrawal of Previous Notice

This document also withdraws a portion of a prior notice concerning the same CMS-10261-specific subject matter.

Specifically, on page 51276, in the second column, in the second paragraph, information collection CMS-10261 (OMB Control Number 0938-1054) that published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2015 (80 FR 51275) is hereby withdrawn.

Date: September 15, 2015 _____

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Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

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