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 [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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:

1. Access CMS’ Web Site address at


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; *Title of Information Collection:* Health Care Reform Insurance Web Portal; *Use:* Upon collection of the data collection requirements from individual States, State health benefits high risk pools, and insurance issuers (hereon referred to as issuers), this information is processed by contractors for display on the HealthCare.gov website. The information that is provided helps the general public make educated decisions about their choice in organizations providing private health care insurance. Information collected quarterly from insurance issuers is used to populate the Plan Finder application to show individuals their options, to provide some profile information, and to coordinate the data collection with Oversight collections to reduce the burden on issuers and the Federal Government. Collecting information consistent with the SBC standards allows...
consumers to access this information in a consistent manner. *Form Number: CMS-10320 (OMB control number 0938-1086); Frequency: Occasionally; Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 700; Number of Responses: 700; Total Annual Hours: 78,675. (For questions regarding this collection contact Kimberlee Heckstall at 410-786-1647.)*


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