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 (the 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 [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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:
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-10561 Essential Community Provider Data Collection to Support QHP Certification for PYs 2022-2024

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: Essential Community Provider Data Collection to Support QHP Certification for PYs 2022-2024; Use: Standards for Essential Community Provider (ECP) requirements are codified at 45 CFR 156.235. Issuers must contract with a certain percentage, as determined by HHS, of the available ECPs in the plan’s service area. For plan years 2022-2024, Health and Human Services (HHS) will continue to solicit qualified ECPs to complete and submit the HHS ECP provider petition in order to be added to the HHS ECP list, or update required data fields to remain on the list, resulting in a more robust and accurate listing of the universe of available ECPs from which issuers select to satisfy the ECP standard. HHS will continue to collect such data directly from providers through the online ECP provider petition. Form Number: CMS-10561 (OMB control number: 0938-1295); Frequency: Annually; Affected Public: Private sector, Business or other for-profits, and Not-for-profit Institutions; Number of Respondents: 12,408; Number of Responses: 12,408; Total Annual Hours: 3,140. For questions regarding this collection, contact Deborah Hunter at 443-386-3651.

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