



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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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 [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:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Division of Regulations Development

Attention: Document Identifier: ___/OMB Control Number: ___

Room C4-26-05

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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 web site 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:

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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**).

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 Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Existing Collection in use without an OMB control number; *Title of Information Collection:* Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCIs) Conditions of Participation; *Use:* The purpose of this package is to request approval for this existing collection in use without an OMB Control Number for Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCIs) Conditions of Participation (CoPs). RNHCIs are facilities that provide non-medical nursing items and services to patients who choose to rely solely upon a religious method of healing and for whom the acceptance of medical health services would be inconsistent with their religious beliefs.

The information collections (ICs) for RNHCIs enable CMS to ensure these facilities comply with health and safety requirements under Title 42 Code of Regulations (CFR) Section 403, Subpart G. The specific ICs associated with burdens are as follows: IC-1: §§403.724(a)(2) & (a)(3) - Sign, Date & Notarize election statement; IC-2: §403.724(a)(4) - Copy & Submit Election Statement to CMS; IC-3: §403.730(a) - Provide Patients Notice of Rights; IC-4: §403.736(a) - Provide Discharge Plan.

The previous iteration of this package included an estimated annual burden of 1,943 hours and an annual cost of \$79,998. For this iteration, the total annual hourly burden is revised to 824 hours, with an annual burden cost of \$38,113. There is no collection instrument. *Form Number:* CMS-10712 (OMB control number: 0938–NEW); *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Private Sector - Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,476; *Total Annual Hours:* 824. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Claudia Molinar at (410)786-8445.)

Director,

Division of Information Collections and Regulatory Impacts,

Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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