



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:* Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part II; *Use:* The collection of information is associated with the October 7, 2021 (86 FR 55980) interim final rules. The collection has two components:

A. Good Faith Estimates. Providers and facilities must inform uninsured (or self-pay) individuals of their right to receive a good faith estimate (GFE) of expected charges for items and services. They must also furnish a good faith estimate of expected charges to uninsured (or self-pay) individuals for scheduled items and services and upon request, which provides uninsured (or self-pay) individuals information about health care pricing before receiving care. This information would allow uninsured (or self-pay) individuals to evaluate options for receiving health care and make cost-conscious health care purchasing decisions and reduces surprises regarding individuals' health care costs for items and services. Additionally, uninsured (or self-pay) individuals need a good faith estimate to initiate the patient-provider dispute resolution process.

B. Certification and Recertification of SDR Entities. HHS requests information from entities seeking to be certified or recertified as an SDR entity. This information is used to assess whether or not the entity satisfies the requirements for certification. Entities must submit information on their organizational structure, policies and procedures, staff qualifications, conflict-of-interest safeguards, and operational capacity, along with attestations of compliance with applicable standards. This information allows HHS to determine the entity's eligibility and capability to perform SDR functions effectively and impartially. *Form Number:* CMS-10791 (OMB control number: 0938-1433); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Private sector

(Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions); *Number of Respondents*: 511,749;
Total Annual Responses: 5,248,414; *Total Annual Hours*: 3,498,944. (For policy questions
regarding this collection contact Daniel Kidane at daniel.kidane@cms.hhs.gov.)

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