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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

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, 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 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.

Information Collections

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection*; Title of Information Collection:* Transformed--Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS)*; Use:* The data reported in T-MSIS are used by federal, state, and local officials, as well as by private researchers and corporations to monitor past and projected future trends in the Medicaid and CHIP programs. The data provides the only national level information available on enrollees, beneficiaries, and expenditures. It also provides the only national level information available on Medicaid utilization. The information is the basis for analyses and for cost savings estimates for the Department's cost sharing legislative initiatives to Congress. The collected data are also crucial to our actuarial forecasts.

Section 71109 of the Working Families Tax Cut legislation (WFTC) (Pub. L. 119-21) amended sections 1903(v) and 2107(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act) by restricting, with limited exceptions, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for medical assistance (Medicaid) and child or pregnancy-related health assistance (CHIP) to the following groups beginning October 1, 2026: (1) U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals; (2) Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs); (3) Cuban/Haitian entrants; and (4) Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants (collectively referred to as "FFP-eligible noncitizens").

The statutory amendments necessitate an update to the valid value set for the IMMIGRATION-STATUS data element reported to CMS through T-MSIS to accurately reflect updates to state eligibility determination processes and support compliance, program oversight, and proper FFP claiming. To support oversight of the implementation of changes to IMMIGRATION-STATUS, two valid values are being added to the ELIGIBILITY-TERMINATION-REASON data element to identify disenrollment reasons related to changes in immigration status or immigration verifications.

The TRANSACTION-TYPE (FTX388) data element will be updated to include a new valid value with an effective date of October 1, 2026, for per-member-per-month home health service payments. These payments are already expected to be reported as part of state T-MSIS submissions but are not currently uniquely identifiable as states typically report these data in the “other” valid value. Implementation of this data element will support oversight of home health programs.

We also propose three non-substantive changes that would not impact current state T-MSIS reporting. The purpose of these updates is to eliminate ambiguity and potentially reduce both CMS and state burden by reducing the need for technical assistance to address any questions on these topics.

Form Number: CMS-R-284 (OMB control number: 0938-0345)*; Frequency:* Quarterly, monthly, and once*; Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments*; Number of*

Respondents: 54*; Total Annual Responses:* 648*; Total Annual Hours:* 15,390. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Brian Johnston at 410-786-0143.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection; *Title of Information Collection*: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery; *Use*: This collection of information is necessary to enable the Agency to garner customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with our commitment to improving service delivery. The information collected from our customers and stakeholders will help ensure that users have an effective, efficient, and satisfying experience with the Agency's programs. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. Collecting voluntary customer feedback is the least burdensome, most effective way for the Agency to determine whether or not its public websites are useful to and used by its customers. Generic clearance is needed to ensure that the Agency can continuously improve its websites through regular surveys developed from these pre-defined questions. Surveying the Agency websites on a regular, ongoing basis will help ensure that users have an effective, efficient, and satisfying experience on any of the websites, maximizing the impact of the information and resulting in optimum benefit for the public. The surveys will ensure that this communication channel meets customer and partner priorities, builds the Agency's brands, and contributes to the Agency's health and human services impact goals. *Form Number*: CMS-10415 (OMB control number 0938-1185); *Frequency*: Occasionally; *Affected Public*: Individuals and Households; *Number of Respondents*: 2,000,000; *Number of*

Responses: 2,000,000; *Total Annual Hours*: 60,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Mohanraj Balasubramanian at 410-786-7808.)

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