

Public comment period is scheduled for 9:40–9:50 a.m.

Contact Person for More Information: Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, Office of Science, NCEH/ATSDR, M/S E-28, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/498-0622.

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Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-10198 and CMS-10203]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the Agency's function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Creditable Coverage Disclosure To CMS Instructions contained in 42 CFR 423.56; *Use:* Section 1860D-13 of the Medicare Modernization Act requires

certain entities that provide prescription drug coverage to Medicare Part D eligible individuals to disclose to CMS whether such coverage meets the actuarial requirements specified in the guidelines provided by CMS. The actuarial determination measures whether the expected amount of paid claims under the entity's prescription drug coverage is at least as much as the expected amount of paid claims under the standard Medicare prescription drug benefit. This information will be used for research, program evaluation and to verify whether or not beneficiaries are subject to a late enrollment penalty; *Form Number:* CMS-10198 (OMB#: 0938—New); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping, third party disclosure and reporting—On occasion and Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions and Federal, State, local or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 446,160; *Total Annual Responses:* 450,660; *Total Annual Hours:* 37,555.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Health Outcome Survey (HOS) and supporting regulations at 42 CFR 422.152; *Use:* The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 mandates the collection, analysis and reporting of health outcomes information. The collection of Medicare health outcomes information is necessary to hold Medicare managed care contractors accountable for the quality of care they are delivering. This reporting requirement allows CMS to obtain the information necessary for the proper oversight of the program. *Form Number:* CMS-10203 (OMB#: 0938—New); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping, reporting: Annually; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 320,040; *Total Annual Responses:* 320,040; *Total Annual Hours:* 105,613.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed or faxed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch,

Attention: Carolyn Lovett, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Fax Number: (202) 395-6974.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

Michelle Shortt,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-R-204, CMS-10208, and CMS-301]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Data Collection for the Second Generation Social Health Maintenance Organization Demonstration; *Use:* The purpose of the Second Generation Social Health Maintenance Organization Demonstration (S/HMO-II) is to refine the targeting and financing methodologies, and benefit design of the Social Health Maintenance Organization Demonstration model. Four primary components of the S/HMO-II demonstration are: (1) A geriatric care approach that will be applied across the entire spectrum of S/HMO-II enrollees; (2) expanded community care

coordination through links between chronic care case-management and acute care providers; (3) provision of long-term-benefits; and (4) an adjusted average per capita costs based risk-adjusted payment methodology. *Form Number:* CMS-R-204 (OMB#: 0938-0709); *Frequency:* Reporting—yearly; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 17,624; *Total Annual Responses:* 17,624; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,425.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Assessing Degrees of Health Care Involvement Survey; *Use:* It is not sufficient to merely mail information about the Medicare program to each beneficiary. CMS needs to know that the beneficiaries received the information, understood the information and found the information useful in making choices about their Medicare participation. To this end, CMS must have measure(s) over time of what beneficiaries know and understand about the Medicare program now to be able to quantify and attribute any changes to their understanding or behavior to information/education initiatives. Measuring beneficiary information needs and knowledge over time will help CMS to evaluate the impact of information/education and other initiatives, as well as to understand how the population is changing separate from such initiatives. *Form Number:* CMS-10208 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Reporting—weekly; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 4,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,200.

3. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Certification of Medicaid Eligibility Control (MEQC) Payment Error Rates and Supporting Regulations at 42 CFR 431.800-431.865; *Use:* Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) is operated by Title XIX agencies to monitor and improve the administration of its Medicaid program. The traditional MEQC program is based on State reviews of Medicaid beneficiaries identified through a statistically reliable statewide sample of cases selected from the eligibility files. These reviews are conducted to determine whether the sampled cases meet applicable Title XIX eligibility requirements. State agencies are required to submit the Payment Error Rate form to their respective CMS Regional Office. Regional Office staff will review these forms for completeness and will forward these

forms to central office for compilation of error rate charts for projected quarterly withholdings and/or fiscal disallowances. *Form Number:* CMS-301 (OMB#: 0938-0246); *Frequency:* Recordkeeping and reporting—semi-annually; *Affected Public:* State, local or tribal governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 102; *Total Annual Hours:* 22,515.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>, or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on December 26, 2006. CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—C, Attention: Bonnie L Harkless, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Michelle Shortt,

Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-4126-PN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reapproval of Deeming Authority of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. for Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organizations and Local Preferred Provider Organizations

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Proposed notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces our proposal to reapprove Medicare Advantage Deeming Authority of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. for health maintenance organizations and local preferred provider organizations for a

term of 6 years. This new term of approval begins July 12, 2006, and ends July 11, 2012. This notice also announces a 30-day period for public comments on renewal of the application.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on November 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS-4126-PN. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

You may submit comments in one of three ways (no duplicates, please):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on specific issues in this regulation to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/ecomments>. (Attachments should be in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or Excel; however, we prefer Microsoft Word.)

2. *By mail.* You may mail written comments (one original and two copies) to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-4126-PN, P.O. Box 8017, Baltimore, MD 21244-8017.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By hand or courier.* If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments (one original and two copies) before the close of the comment period to one of the following addresses. If you intend to deliver your comments to the Baltimore address, please call telephone number (410) 786-9994 in advance to schedule your arrival with one of our staff members. Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; or 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

(Because access to the interior of the HHH Building is not readily available to persons without Federal Government identification, commenters are encouraged to leave their comments in the CMS drop slots located in the main lobby of the building. A stamp-in clock is available for persons wishing to retain a proof of filing by stamping in and retaining an extra copy of the comments being filed.)

Comments mailed to the addresses indicated as appropriate for hand or courier delivery may be delayed and received after the comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shaheen Halim, (410) 786-0641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: