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Proposal to approve under OMB delegated authority the extension for three years, without revision, of the following reports:

Report title: Compensation and Salary Surveys

Agency form number: FR 29a,b

OMB control number: 7100-0290

Frequency: FR 29a, annually; FR 29b, on occasion

Reporters: Employers considered competitors for Federal Reserve employees

Annual reporting hours: FR 29a, 210 hours; FR 29b, 50 hours

Estimated average hours per response: FR 29a, 6 hours; FR 29b, 1 hour

Number of respondents: 45

General description of report: This information collection is voluntary (sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 244 and 248(1)) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C 552 (b)(4) and (b)(6)).

Abstract: These surveys collect information on salaries, employee compensation policies, and other employee programs from employers that are considered competitors for Federal Reserve Board employees. The data from the surveys primarily are used to determine the appropriate salary structure and salary adjustments for Federal Reserve Board employees.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 17, 2007.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-379, CMS-10102, and CMS-R-235]

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

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

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: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Financial Statement of Debtor and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 405.376; **Use:** Section 42 CFR 405.376(g) requires that, " * * * In determining whether a claim will be compromised, or collection action terminated, CMS will consider the following factors: * * * age and health of the debtor, present and potential income, inheritance prospects, possible concealment or fraudulent transfer of assets * * *" Sections 1842(a)(1)(B) and (C) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 405.376(g), provide the authority for collection of this information.

In some instances a physician/supplier who is notified of a debt may allege inability to immediately repay the debt in full and may request an extended repayment schedule. Alternatively, the debtor may request a compromise settlement for less than the full amount due. Before establishing an extended repayment schedule or compromise settlement, the CMS's Regional Offices and the carrier must

evaluate the provider's capacity to pay the debt. Accordingly, the provider is requested to complete a "Financial Statement of Debtor" form, CMS-379. **Form Number:** CMS-379 (OMB#: 0938-0270); **Frequency:** Reporting: Yearly; **Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit; **Number of Respondents:** 500; **Total Annual Responses:** 500; **Total Annual Hours:** 1000.

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** National Implementation of Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Providers and Systems (HCAHPS); **Use:** The intent of the HCAHPS initiative is to provide a standardized survey instrument and data collection methodology for measuring patients' perspectives on hospital care. While many hospitals collect information on patient satisfaction, there is no national standard for collecting or publicly reporting this information that would enable valid comparisons to be made across all hospitals. In order to make "apples to apples" comparisons to support consumer choice, it is necessary to introduce a standard measurement approach. Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems, also known as the CAHPS Hospital Survey (HCAHPS) can be viewed as a core set of questions that hospitals can combine with their customized items. HCAHPS was developed and is being implemented under the auspices of the Hospital Quality Alliance, a private/public partnership that includes hospital associations, consumer groups, payors and government agencies that share a common interest in reporting on hospital quality.

Beginning in July 2007, participation in HCAHPS can affect the annual payment update for the inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) hospitals participating in the Reporting Hospital Quality Data Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) program; **Form Number:** CMS-10102 (OMB#: 0938-0981); **Frequency:** Reporting: Monthly; **Affected Public:** Individuals or households; **Number of Respondents:** 2,820,000; **Total Annual Responses:** 2,820,000; **Total Annual Hours:** 285,200.

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Data Use Agreement Information Collection Requirements, Model Language and Supporting Regulations in 45 CFR Section 5b. **Use:** The Data Use Agreement (DUA) is needed as part of the review of each CMS data request to

ensure compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Act for disclosure of data that contain individually-identifiable information. In addition, the DUA is used to maintain appropriate accounting and tracking of disclosures of records from Privacy Act systems of records. While the burden has not changed, we revised the DUA to The DUA was updated to include language to ensure the agreement is a binding agreement between CMS and the User, to ensure the data is being encrypted and appropriate protections are in place at all times, and to ensure appropriate actions are immediately taken if there is a data breach or incident. *Form Number:* CMS-R-0235 (OMB#: 0938-0734); *Frequency:* Reporting—On occasion; *Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 1,500; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 750.

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: September 13, 2007.

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-10251 and CMS-10232]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

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1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* State Plan Pre-print for Integrated Medicare and Medicaid Programs; *Use:* Information submitted via the State Plan Amendment (SPA) pre-print will be used by CMS Central and Regional Offices to analyze a State's proposal to implement integrated Medicare and Medicaid programs. The pre-print is an optional document for use by States to highlight the arrangements between a State and Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans that are also providing Medicaid services. State Medicaid Agencies will complete the SPA pre-print and submit it to CMS for a comprehensive analysis. The pre-print provides the opportunity for States to confirm that their integrated care model complies with both federal statutory and regulatory requirements. The pre-print contains assurances, check-off items, and areas for States to describe policies and procedures for subjects such as enrollment, marketing and quality assurance. *Form Numbers:* CMS-10251 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Reporting—Once; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number*

of Respondents: 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 30; *Total Annual Hours:* 600.

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* State Plan Template to Implement Section 6062 of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005; *Use:* The DRA provides States with numerous flexibilities in operating their State Medicaid Programs. Section 6062 of the DRA (Opportunity for families of Disabled Children to Purchase Medicaid Coverage for Such Children) allows States the opportunity to provide Medicaid benefits to disabled children who would otherwise be ineligible because of family income that is above the State's highest Medicaid eligibility standards for children. It specifically allows families with disabled children to "buy-in" to Medicaid, and prevents them from having to stay impoverished, become impoverished, place their children in out-of-home placements, or simply give up custody of their child in order to access needed health care for their disabled children.

Under the DRA, States must submit a SPA to CMS to effectuate this change to their Medicaid programs. CMS will provide a State Medicaid Director letter providing guidance on this provision and the associated SPA template for use by States to modify their Medicaid State Plans if they choose to implement this provision. Providing the State with this SPA template will reduce State burden significantly. *Form Numbers:* CMS-10232 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Reporting—Once; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 56; *Total Annual Responses:* 30; *Total Annual Hours:* 600.

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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 November 20, 2007. CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—A, Attention: Melissa Musotto, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.