

Health Records (EHR) Testing; *Use:* The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has indicated through statements in proposed and final rulemaking for the Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) program that it is actively seeking to pursue quality measurement based on alternative sources of data that do not require manual chart abstraction or that utilize data already being reported by many hospitals for other programs, as doing so would potentially reduce the burden associated with the collection and reporting of measures for the program. Over the years, we have encouraged hospitals to take steps toward the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) that would allow for reporting of clinical quality data from the EHRs directly to a CMS data repository beginning with the FY 2006 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Rule (70 FR 47420 through 47421). We have also encouraged hospitals that are implementing, upgrading, or developing EHR systems to ensure that the technology obtained, upgraded, or developed conforms to standards adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

In the IPPS 2010 proposed rule (74 FR 24182), we described our intent to begin a voluntary testing program for the submission to CMS of standardized data elements needed to calculate inpatient hospital quality measures on the topics of Stroke, Venous Thromboembolism, and Emergency department throughput. These measures have not been adopted for Reporting Hospital Quality for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) program, and participation in this voluntary EHR-testing program will not substitute for submission of data elements required under the RHQDAPU program in a time, form and manner specified by the Secretary. Similarly, non-participation in this voluntary program will not incur any penalties. The results of this voluntary testing process will enable CMS to assess the feasibility of collecting data elements via electronic health records as a future alternative to submission of manually chart abstracted data elements by hospitals, thereby potentially reducing the administrative burden associated with submission of quality measures for the RHQDAPU program. *Form Number:* CMS-10296 (OMB#: 0938-New); *Frequency:* Reporting—Once; *Affected Public:* Private Sector—Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 55; *Total Annual Responses:* 55; *Total Annual Hours:* 28,655. (For policy

questions regarding this collection contact Shaheen Halim 410-786-0641. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

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 by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on December 7, 2009.

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,
Attention: CMS Desk Officer.
Fax Number: (202) 395-6974.
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OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 30, 2009.

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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, 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:* Medicare Advantage Appeals and Grievance Data Disclosure Requirements (42 CFR 422.111); *Use:* Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations must disclose information pertaining to the number of disputes, and their disposition in the aggregate, with the categories of grievances and appeals to any individual eligible to elect an MA organization who requests this information. Medicare demonstrations also are required to conform to MA appeals regulations and thus are included in the count of organizations affected by this requirement. MA organizations also are required by the statute and the MA regulation to provide aggregate grievance data to MA eligible beneficiaries upon request. MA eligible individuals will use this information to help them make informed decisions about their organization's performance in the area of appeals and grievances. *Form Number:* CMS-R-0282 (OMB#: 0938-0778); *Frequency:* Reporting—Semi-annually and Yearly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 629; *Total Annual Responses:* 47,175; *Total Annual Hours:* 4,931.36. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Stephanie Simons at 206-615-2420. For all other issues call 410-786-1326.)

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site 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.

In commenting on the proposed information collections please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in one of the following ways by *January 5, 2010*:

1. *Electronically.* You may submit 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) 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, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: October 30, 2009.

Michelle Shortt,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Native Employment Works (NEW) Program Plan Guidance and Report Requirements.

OMB No.: 0970-0174.

Description: The Native Employment Works (NEW) program plan is the application for NEW program funding. As approved by the Department of

Health and Human Services (HHS), it documents how the grantee will carry out its NEW program. The NEW program plan guidance provides instructions for preparing a NEW program plan and explains the process for plan submission every third year. The NEW program report provides information on the activities and accomplishments of grantees' NEW programs. The NEW program report and instructions specify the program data that NEW grantees report annually.

Respondents: Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations that are NEW program grantees.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
NEW program plan guidance	26	1	29	754
NEW program report	48	1	15	720

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,474.

Additional Information:

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment:

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Fax: 202-395-7245, Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Dated: November 2, 2009.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Project: Recovery Services for Adolescents and Families—New

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment will conduct a data collection on the helpfulness of recovery support services for whether young people and their families after leaving substance abuse treatment. Specifically, the Recovery Services for Adolescents and Families (RSAF) project is evaluating a pilot test of the following recovery support services for whether young people and their families find the following recovery support services helpful: (1) Telephone/text message support; (2) a recovery-oriented social networking site; and (3) a family program. Approximately 200 adolescent respondents will be asked to complete 4 data collection forms (some repeated)

during 5 interviews (baseline and 4 follow-ups) over a 12-month period after enrollment or discharge from treatment. Approximately 200 collateral respondents (*i.e.*, a parent/guardian/concerned other) will be asked to complete 7 data collection forms (some repeated) during 5 interviews (baseline and 4 follow-ups) over a 12-month period after their adolescent's enrollment or discharge from treatment. Approximately 15 to 20 project staff respondents, including Project Coordinators, Telephone Support Volunteers, a Social Network Site Moderator, Family Program Clinicians, and a Support Services Supervisor, will be asked to complete between 2 and 5 data collection forms at varying intervals during the delivery of recovery support services. Across all respondents, a total of 28 data collection forms will be used. Depending on the time interval and task, information collections will take anywhere from about 5 minutes to 2 hours to complete. A description of each data collection form follows:

Adolescent Participant

- *Global Appraisal of Individual Needs—Initial (GAIN-I 5.6.0 Full).* The GAIN is an evidence-based assessment used with both adolescents and adults and in outpatient, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization, methadone, short-term residential, long-term residential, therapeutic community, and correctional programs. There are over 1000 questions in this initial version that are in multiple formats, including