

these in the May 2011 Follow-Up). The 2010–2011 TUS–CPS, complemented by the Follow-Up questionnaire, will be useful for researchers interested in measuring the impact on tobacco cessation of new FDA regulation (the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act) as it is

implemented, and will complement Federal tobacco research and policy efforts. *Frequency of Response:* One-time study for the main 2010–2011 survey; One-time study for the May 2011 Follow-Up. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Persons 18 years of age or

older. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$285,000. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report. The annual reporting burden is presented in the table below.

TABLE—ESTIMATES OF ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent per survey period	Number of respondents (annualized)	Responses per respondent	Average time per response (minutes/hour)	Annual burden hours
May 2010: Individuals	30,000	1	9/60 (0.15)	4,500
August 2010: Individuals	30,000	1	9/60 (0.15)	4,500
January 2011: Individuals	30,000	1	9/60 (0.15)	4,500
May 2011 Follow-Up: Individuals	15,000	1	6/60 (0.10)	1,500
Totals	105,000			15,000

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Anne Hartman, M.S., M.A., Health Statistician, National Cancer Institute, 6130 Executive Blvd—MSC 7344, Executive Plaza North, Suite 4005, Bethesda, Maryland 20892–7344, or call non-toll free 301–496–4970, or FAX your request, to 301–435–3710, or e-mail your request, including your address, to ah42t@nih.gov or hartmana@mail.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: November 2, 2009.

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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, 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:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Creditable Coverage Disclosure to CMS On-Line Form and Instructions; *Use:* Most entities that currently provide prescription drug benefits to any Medicare Part D eligible individual must disclose to the CMS whether the prescription drug benefit that they offer is creditable. The disclosure is required to be provided annually and upon any change that affects whether the coverage is creditable prescription drug coverage. CMS released a Disclosure to CMS Guidance Paper and a disclosure to CMS notification on-line form in January 2006.

Section 1860D–1 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) and implementing regulations at 42 CFR 423.56 require that entities that offer prescription drug benefits under any of the types of coverage described in 42 CFR 423.56 (b) provide a disclosure of creditable coverage to CMS informing us whether such coverage meets the actuarial requirements specified in guidelines provided by CMS. *Form Number:* CMS–10198 (OMB#: 0938–1013); *Frequency:* Reporting—Yearly and Semi-annually; *Affected Public:* Federal Government, Business or other for-profits and not-for-profit institutions, and State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 87,500; *Total Annual Responses:* 87,500; *Total Annual Hours:* 7,291.7. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Louis Blank at 410–786–5511. For all other issues call 410–786–1326.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Electronic

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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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.