

Information Collection: Consumer Research on Public Reporting of Hospital Outpatient Measures; *Use:* One of the primary missions of CMS is to improve the quality and efficiency of care in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) program. One of the several vehicles used for this mission is the public reporting of quality, efficiency and cost information about hospital care on the *Hospital Compare* Web site. This vehicle also serves to provide Medicare beneficiaries and other consumers with the type of data needed to make informed decisions about which providers to use for their care. In 2001, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced the *Quality Initiative* to ensure the quality of health care for all Americans through accountability and public disclosure. The goals of the initiative are to empower consumers with quality-of-care information so they can make more informed decisions about their health care and to stimulate and support providers and clinicians to improve the quality of health care. As part of the DHHS Transparency Initiative on Quality Reporting, CMS plans to add new patient safety measures in the areas of hospital acquired conditions and healthcare associated infections, to the Hospital Compare Web site in 2011. CMS also intends to begin utilizing displays of composite measures summarizing both process and outcome measures. This information collection request covers consumer research on displays, labels, and explanatory language to insure that the website is

understood by viewers in a manner consistent with CMS's intended communication message. *Form Number:* CMS-10360 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Individuals and Households; *Number of Respondents:* 248; *Total Annual Responses:* 248; *Total Annual Hours:* 241. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact David Miranda at 410-786-7819. 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 *March 14, 2011*. OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. *Attention:* CMS Desk Officer. *Fax Number:* (202) 395-6974. *E-mail:* OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Head Start Program Information Report.

OMB No. 0980-0017.

Description: The Office of Head Start within the Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services, is proposing to renew authority to collect information using the Head Start Program Information Report (PIR). The PIR provides information about Head Start and Early Head Start services received by the children and families enrolled in Head Start programs. The information collected in the PIR is used to inform the public about these programs and to make periodic reports to Congress about the status of children in Head Start programs as required by the Head Start Act.

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ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Head Start Program Information Report	2,690	1	4	10,760

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,760.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, 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.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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Reports Clearance Officer.

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