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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:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Coverage in the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan; *Use:* The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight is requesting clearance by the Office of Management and Budget for modifications to this previously approved collection package. These changes are being requested to (1) provide a mechanism for a PCIP enrollee who has moved from a state-administered PCIP to quickly and efficiently enroll into the federally-administered PCIP (2) provide a mechanism for a PCIP applicant to identify a third party entity will pay their premium to ensure appropriate

premium billing (3) provide a mechanism whereby a licensed insurance agent or broker may identify their referral of an applicant (4) request employer information to expand ways to identify and prevent instances of insurer dumping and (5) make clarifications to existing application language. *Form Number:* CMS-10334 (OCN: 0938-1095) *Frequency:* Once; *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; *Number of Respondents:* 83,333; *Number of Responses:* 83,333; *Total Annual Hours:* 179,499. (For policy questions regarding this collection, contact Laura Dash at 410-786-8623. 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 *October 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**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services**

[CMS-9980-NC]

**Request for Information Regarding
State Flexibility To Establish a Basic
Health Program Under the Affordable
Care Act**

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

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: This notice is a request for information regarding section 1331 of the Affordable Care Act, which provides States with the option to establish a Basic Health Program. This option

permits States to enter into contracts to offer one or more "standard health plans" providing at least the essential health benefits described in section 1302(b) of the Affordable Care Act to eligible individuals in lieu of offering such individuals coverage through the Affordable Insurance Exchange (Exchange).

DATES: *Comment Date:* To be assured consideration, responses must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on October 31, 2011.

ADDRESSES: In responding, please refer to file code CMS-9980-NC. Because of staff and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission.

You may submit responses in one of four ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions under the "More Search Options" tab.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, *Attention:* CMS-9980-NC, P.O. Box 8016, Baltimore, MD 21244-8016.

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

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, *Attention:* CMS-9980-NC, Mail Stop C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

4. *By hand or courier.* If you prefer, you may deliver (by hand or courier) your written comments before the close of the comment period to either of the following addresses:

a. For delivery in Washington, DC—Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

(Because access to the interior of the Hubert H. Humphrey 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.)