charter. It also requests nominations for individuals to serve on the panel.

DATES: Nominations will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, no later than 5 p.m., eastern day light time on November 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore Maryland 21244–1850, Office of the Actuary, Mail stop N3–02–02, Attention: John Poisal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Poisal, (410) 786–6397. Press inquiries are handled through the CMS Press Office at (202) 690–6145.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the calendar year (CY) 2011 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) proposed and final rules (75 FR 40095 and 75 FR 73274), we solicited and responded to comments regarding the convening of a technical advisory panel to review all aspects of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI), including the inputs, input weights, price-measurement proxies, and productivity adjustment. We noted that we would ask the panel to assess the relevance and accuracy of these inputs to current physician practices. The panel's analysis and recommendations will be considered for future rulemaking to ensure that the MEI accurately and appropriately meets its intended statutory purpose. We also solicited comments from the physician community and other interested members of the public on any other specific issues that should be considered by the technical panel.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) is establishing a Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel under Public Law 92–463, Federal Advisory Committee Act, to conduct a technical review of the MEI.

II. Charter, General Responsibilities, and Composition of the Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel

A. Charter Information and General Responsibilities

On September 28, 2011, the Secretary signed the charter establishing the Medicare Economic Index Technical Advisory Panel (the Panel). The Panel will conduct a technical review of the MEI, including the inputs, input weights, price-measurement proxies, and productivity adjustment. The Panel will be asked to assess the relevance and accuracy of these inputs to current physician practices. Following the technical review meeting(s), the Panel shall issue a report that summarizes its recommendations for the MEI.

Meetings will be open to the public except when closure is specifically required by statute, and after all statutory and regulatory requirements for doing so have been met. The Secretary or other official to whom the authority has been delegated will make such determinations. Notice of all meetings will be given to the public via a **Federal Register** notice.

The Secretary will request that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) consider the Panel's recommendations for future rulemaking to ensure that the MEI accurately and appropriately meets its intended statutory purpose. The Panel will not consider issues such as replacing the price index with a cost index, or other issues that lie outside the limits of CMS' statutory authority, such as replacing the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula with the MEI.

The Panel, as chartered under the legal authority of section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), is also governed by the provisions of the Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees, and the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(b).

The Panel will terminate 30 days after the date of submission of the final report to the Secretary, but no later than September 28, 2012.

You may view and obtain a copy of the Secretary's charter for the Panel at *https://www.cms.gov/FACA/.*

B. Composition of the Panel

The Panel will consist of not more than seven members, including the chair(s). The Panel may be composed of, but is not necessarily limited to, representatives of other government agencies (such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Bureau of Economic Analysis), members of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, researchers, and other independent experts.

III. Submission of Nominations

We are requesting nominations for individuals to serve as members on the Panel. We will consider qualified individuals who are self-nominated or are nominated by agency officials, members of Congress, the general public, professional societies, trade associations, or other organizations. Non-federal employee members of the Panel will be appointed as Special Government Employees and will be required to go through an ethics review. The Secretary or the Secretary's designee will appoint members to serve on the Panel from amongst the candidates that we determine have the technical expertise to meet specific agency needs in a manner to ensure an appropriate balance of membership.

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals. Each nomination must include the name and contact information for both the nominator and nominee (if not the same).

To ensure that a nomination is considered, we must receive the nomination information by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice. Nominations should be mailed to the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Authority: 42 U.S.C 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service Act.

Dated: September 29, 2011.

Donald M. Berwick,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: State Court Improvement Program.

OMB No.: 0970–0307.

Description

The Court Improvement Program (CIP) is composed of three grants, the basic, data, and training grants, governed by two separate Program Instructions (PIs). The training and data grants are governed by the ''new grant'' PI and the basic grant is governed by the ''basic grant'' PI. Current PIs require separate applications and program assessment reports for each grant. Every State applies for at least two of the grants annually and most States apply for all three. As many of the application requirements are the same for all three grants, this results in duplicative work and high degrees of repetition for State courts applying for more than one CIP grant.

The purpose of this Program Instruction is to streamline and simplify the application and reporting processes by consolidating the PIs into one single PI and requiring one single, consolidated application (App) package and program assessment report (PAR) per State court annually. These revisions will satisfy statutory programmatic requirements and reduce both the number of required responses and associated total burden hours for State courts.

This new PI also describes programmatic and fiscal provisions and reporting requirements for the grants, specifies the application submittal and approval procedures for the grants for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, and identifies technical resources for use by State courts during the course of the grants. The agency uses the information received to ensure compliance with the statute and provide training and technical assistance to the grantees.

Respondents: Highest State Courts of Appeal.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
App	52	1	92	4784
PAR	52	1	86	4472
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:				9256

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:* 202–395–7285. *E-mail: OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV.* Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Tribal PREP Implementation Plan.

OMB No.: New.

Description: This request to collect information is for the Tribal PREP Implementation Plan, due by the 10th month of the first funding year (due by August 1, 2012). This plan will contain the description of how the grantee intends to structure, measure and evaluate the implementation of the project. Information contained in this Implementation Plan will enable the Program Office to provide the necessary technical assistance to help ensure that grantees are structuring Tribal PREP projects within the framework of evidence-based programming.

Respondents:

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Tribal PREP Plan	16	1	40	640

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 640.

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 Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.* 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