

implement such technologies and methods.

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Federal Communications Commission.

Karen Peltz Strauss,

Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (Eastern Time) October 17, 2011.

PLACE: 4th Floor Conference Room, 1250 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

Matters To Be Considered

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2011 Board Member Meeting.
2. Recognition of Outstanding Service by Chairman Saul and Board Member Sanchez.
3. Thrift Savings Plan Activity Report by the Executive Director.
 - a. Monthly Participant Activity Report.
 - b. Quarterly Investment Performance Review.
 - c. Legislative Report.
4. Mid-Year Financial Audit Report.
5. Quarterly Vendor Financial Report.

Contact Person for More Information

Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: October 7, 2011.

Amanda Haas,

Executive Assistant, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments must be submitted November 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer at Sherette.Funncoleman@hhs.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Sherette.Funncoleman@hhs.gov or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Comparative Effectiveness Research Inventory.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service,

or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The Agency received no comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** of December 22, 2010 (75 FR 80542).

Below we provide ASPE's projected average estimates for the next three years:

Current Actions: New collection of information.

Type of Review: Generic.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Average Expected Annual Number of activities: [Agency Estimate]¹

Annual responses: [Agency Estimate] 500.

¹ The 60-day notice included the following estimate of the aggregate burden hours for this generic clearance federal-wide:

Average Expected Annual Number of activities: 25,000.

Average number of Respondents per Activity: 200.

Annual responses: 5,000,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average minutes per response: 30.

Burden hours: 2,500,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average minutes per response: 15.

Burden hours: 125.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Keith Tucker,

*Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance Officer,
Office of the Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier CMS-10379]

Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Center for Medicare and 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 and 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 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR

1320.13. This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures in that public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed as stated in 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(i). The approval of this data collection process is essential to ensuring that consumers enrolled in individual and small group association products receive the consumer protections provided under Section 1003 of the Affordable Care Act. In absence of this change, a significant number of individual and small group rate increases for the 2012 plan year would not be subject to the review and public disclosure requirements of the rate review program and, instead, would be subject to rate increases that are largely unregulated.

1. *Type of Information Collection*

Request: Revision of a currently approved; *Title of Information Collection:* Rate Increase Disclosure and Review Reporting Requirements (45 CFR Part 154). *Use:* Under the Section 1003 of the Affordable Care Act (Section 2794 of the Public Health Service Act), The Secretary, in conjunction with the States, is required to establish a process for the annual review, beginning with the 2010 plan year, of unreasonable increases in premiums for health insurance coverage. Section 2794 directs the Secretary to ensure the public disclosure of information of unreasonable rate increases and justification for those increases.

On December 23, 2010, CMS published a proposed rate review regulation in the **Federal Register** for public comment (Rate Increase Disclosure and Review Rule, 75 FR 81004). CMS revised the proposed rule based on the public comments and published the final rate review regulation in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2011. The final rule defines the unreasonable rate review process and issuer reporting and disclosure requirements (Rate Increase Disclosure and Review Rule, 76 FR 29964). The regulation establishes the following reporting requirements:

- *The Preliminary Justification:* This data collection is required of all health insurance issuers for all rate increases that exceed the "subject to review" reporting threshold as defined in the rule. This information will be posted on an HHS Web site.

- *Rate Review Final Determination:* This data collection requires States with effective rate review programs and CMS to report their review findings and unreasonable rate increase determinations on all rate increases that

are subject to review. This information will be posted on an HHS Web site.

- *The Final Justification for An Unreasonable Rate Increase:* This data collection is required of health insurance issuers that elect to implement a rate increase that is determined to be unreasonable based on State or CMS review. This information will be posted on the Health Insurance Issuer's Web site and on a CMS Web site.

1. Preliminary Justification

The Preliminary Justification consists of three parts, Part I: Rate Increase Summary, Part II: Written Explanation of the Rate Increase, and Part III: Rate Filing Documentation. Issuers must complete Parts I and II for all rate increases that exceed the reporting threshold as defined in the rule. As described in the preamble of the rule, this information would be collected to provide consumers with basic information on all rate increases that are subject to review under the rate review program.

Under the rule, "subject to review" rate increases would be reviewed by either States or CMS, depending on whether a State has an effective rate review program. Issuers would only be required to submit Part III of the Preliminary Justification when CMS is conducting the review of a rate increase that is "subject to review." Accordingly, Part III requires health insurance issuers to provide detailed rate data that would be used for the purposes of conducting thorough actuarial reviews and for making determinations about whether rate increases are unreasonable.

This Notice contains the following information about the Preliminary Justification:

- Preliminary Justification Issuer Instructions: health insurance issuer instructions for completing all three parts of the Preliminary Justification.
- Part I Worksheet: a standardized Excel worksheet that must be used to complete Part I of the Preliminary Justification.
- Sample internet display of the Rate Review Consumer Disclosure: Information provided in the Preliminary Justification would be posted on an HHS Web site. This sample display shows how the information contained in the Part I Worksheet would be displayed to consumers.

2. Rate Review Final Determination

Under the rule, States and CMS would have to provide a Rate Review Final Determination at the close of their review of all "subject to review" rate increases. The Rate Review Final