

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

**Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

This notice amends Part F, Section F.70 (Order of Succession) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS), 75 FR 71714, dated November 24, 2010, which is rescinded and replaced by the following:

**Orders of Succession**

1. During any period when the Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has died, resigned, or otherwise becomes unable to perform the functions and duties in the Office of the Administrator, CMS, the following officers, in the Order of Succession listed below, shall act for and perform the functions and duties of the Office of the Administrator, CMS, until such time as: the Administrator, CMS, again becomes available; a permanent successor is appointed by the President and confirmed by Congress; or the temporary successor is otherwise relieved:

- a. Principal Deputy Administrator.
- b. Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare.
- c. Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services.
- d. Chief of Staff.
- e. Chief Operating Officer.

2. During any period when there is no eligible officer available or capable of performing responsibilities in the Office of the Administrator, CMS, pursuant to the officers listed in 1.a. through 1.e. above, the following positions in CMS, in the Order of Succession listed below, shall act and perform the functions and duties inherent in the Emergency

Operations Executive (EOE) in the event of an emergency situation:

- a. Consortium Administrator, Consortium for Quality Improvement and Survey & Certification Operations.
- b. Consortium Administrator, Consortium for Financial Management and Fee For Service Operations.
- c. Consortium Administrator, Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations.
- d. Consortium Administrator, Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations.

The authority to act as the Administrator, CMS, must be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 ("the Vacancies Act"), 5 U.S.C. Section 3345 et seq. The "Acting" title is applicable and reserved only in instances in which the Administrator, CMS, position is vacant. In accordance with the Vacancies Act, the Principal Deputy Administrator is herein designated as the first assistant for CMS.

During a planned absence, the Administrator, CMS, may designate an individual to serve as "operationally in charge." If an individual is serving in an "operationally in charge" capacity, he or she is not eligible for any delegated authority under these Orders of Succession unless he or she was designated as a delegatee by the Administrator, CMS.

The two Orders of Succession listed in this notice are limited to the duties and responsibilities of only the officers and positions. Number 1 can only be exercised in order to accomplish the goals of maintaining the agency's essential functions. Number 2 can only be exercised to restore the agency's normal business functions under the CMS Continuity of Operations Plan.

The EOE is responsible for notifying the Secretary, HHS and any available CMS leadership that the EOE has assumed responsibility.

I, or my successor retain the authority to change, amend, or re-delegate this notice.

The two Orders of Succession listed in this notice remain in effect and will be revised accordingly as positions or nomenclature change in CMS.

This notice only applies to periods when the Administrator, CMS, or his or her successor are not available to perform the duties and responsibilities contained in the two Orders of Succession.

This notice is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: March 27, 2014.

**Marilyn Tavenner,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Proposed Projects:*

*Title:* Voluntary Establishment of Paternity

*OMB No.:* 0970-0175

*Description:* Section 466(a)(5)(C) of the Social Security Act requires States to pass laws ensuring a simple civil process for voluntarily acknowledging paternity under which the State must provide that the mother and putative father must be given notice, orally and in writing, of the benefits and legal responsibilities and consequences of acknowledging paternity. The information is to be used by hospitals, birth record agencies, and other entities participating in the voluntary paternity establishment program that collect information from the parents of children that are born out of wedlock.

*Respondents:* The parents of children that are born out of wedlock.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
None .....	1,686,980	1	0.17	286,787

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 286,787.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(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 Planning, Research

and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov*. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.