

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion and annual reporting requirements and third party disclosure requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. Sections 151, 154(i), 157, 160, 201, 202, 208, 214, 301, 303, 308, 309(j), 310 and 610 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Total Annual Burden:* 12,063 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No costs.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

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*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Information requested in the reports may include confidential information. However, covered entities are allowed to request that such materials submitted to the Commission be withheld from public inspection.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will submit this information collection as an extension to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60-day comment period to obtain the full three year clearance for the collection. There is no change in number of respondents/responses, total annual burden hours, or total annual cost from the previously approved estimates. As part of the extension request, the Commission will submit certain non-substantive changes for approval, as described below.

The collection is necessary to implement certain disclosure requirements that are part of the Commission's wireless hearing aid compatibility rule. In a Report and Order in WT Docket No. 01-309, FCC 03-168, adopted and released in September 2003, implementing a mandate under the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act of 1988, the Commission required digital wireless phone manufacturers and service providers to make certain digital wireless phones capable of effective use with hearing aids, label certain phones they sold with information about their compatibility with hearing aids, and report to the Commission (at first every six months, then on an annual basis) on the numbers and types of hearing aid-compatible phones they were producing or offering to the public. These reporting requirements were subsequently amended on several occasions, and the existing, OMB-approved collection under this OMB control number includes these modifications.

As part of this extension request, the Commission is requesting approval of certain non-substantive changes to the

form and instructions. Changes to the form include updating the edition form date for the electronic form to reflect the current date, and adding certain additional language drawn from the instructions to the question on device disclosures through Public Web sites. In the instructions, the Commission is updating the edition form date to reflect the current date, updating a Web site link that has become inactive, adding certain informational text to make the instructions easier to understand, and updating figures as necessary to reflect the non-substantive changes in the form.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Notice to All Interested Parties of the Termination of the Receivership of 10303, Progress Bank of Florida, Tampa, Florida

*Notice is hereby given* that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") as Receiver for Progress Bank of Florida, Tampa, Florida ("the Receiver") intends to terminate its receivership for said institution. The FDIC was appointed receiver of Progress Bank of Florida on October 22, 2010. The liquidation of the receivership assets has been completed. To the extent permitted by available funds and in accordance with law, the Receiver will be making a final dividend payment to proven creditors.

Based upon the foregoing, the Receiver has determined that the continued existence of the receivership will serve no useful purpose. Consequently, notice is given that the receivership shall be terminated, to be effective no sooner than thirty days after the date of this Notice. If any person wishes to comment concerning the termination of the receivership, such comment must be made in writing and sent within thirty days of the date of this Notice to: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, Attention: Receivership Oversight Department 32.1, 1601 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 75201.

No comments concerning the termination of this receivership will be considered which are not sent within this time frame.

Dated: September 14, 2015.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-1640-FN]

#### Medicare Program; Approval of Request for an Exception to the Prohibition on Expansion of Facility Capacity Under the Hospital Ownership and Rural Provider Exceptions to the Physician Self-Referral Prohibition

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

**ACTION:** Final notice.

**SUMMARY:** This final notice announces our decision to approve the request from Doctors Hospital at Renaissance for an exception to the prohibition against expansion of facility capacity.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This notice is effective on September 11, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Taft, (410) 786-4561 or Teresa Walden, (410) 786-3755.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

Section 1877 of the Social Security Act (the Act), also known as the physician self-referral law—(1) prohibits a physician from making referrals for certain "designated health services" (DHS) payable by Medicare to an entity with which he or she (or an immediate family member) has a financial relationship (ownership or compensation), unless the requirements of an applicable exception are satisfied; and (2) prohibits the entity from filing claims with Medicare (or billing another individual, entity, or third party payer) for those DHS furnished as a result of a prohibited referral.

Section 1877(d)(2) of the Act provides an exception, known as the rural provider exception, for physician ownership or investment interests in rural providers. In order for an entity to qualify for the rural provider exception, the DHS must be furnished in a rural area (as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Act) and substantially all the DHS furnished by the entity must be furnished to individuals residing in a rural area.

Section 1877(d)(3) of the Act provides an exception, known as the hospital

ownership exception, for physician ownership or investment interests held in a hospital located outside of Puerto Rico, provided that the referring physician is authorized to perform services at the hospital and the ownership or investment interest is in the hospital itself (and not merely in a subdivision of the hospital).

Section 6001(a)(3) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–152) (hereafter referred to together as “the Affordable Care Act”) amended the hospital ownership and rural provider exceptions to the physician self-referral prohibition to impose additional restrictions on physician ownership and investment in hospitals. Since March 23, 2010, a physician-owned hospital that seeks to avail itself of either exception is prohibited from expanding facility capacity unless it qualifies as an “applicable hospital” or “high Medicaid facility” (as defined in sections 1877(i)(3)(E), (F) of the Act and 42 CFR 411.362(c)(2), (3) of our regulations) and has been granted an exception to the facility expansion prohibition by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary). Section 1877(i)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act provides that individuals and entities in the community in which the provider requesting the exception is located must have an opportunity to provide input with respect to the provider’s request for an exception. Section 1877(i)(3)(H) of the Act states that the Secretary shall publish in the **Federal Register** the final decision with respect to a request for an exception to the prohibition against facility expansion not later than 60 days after receiving a complete application.

## II. Exception Approval Process

On November 30, 2011, we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 74122, 74517 through 74525) that, among other things, finalized § 411.362(c), which specifies the process for submitting, commenting on, and reviewing a request for an exception to the prohibition on expansion of facility capacity. We published a subsequent final rule in the **Federal Register** on November 10, 2014 (79 FR 66770, 66987 through 66997) that made certain revisions. These revisions include, among other things, permitting the use of data from an external data source, as defined in our regulations, or from the Hospital Cost Report Information System (HCRIS) for specific eligibility criteria.

As stated in our regulations at § 411.362(c)(5), we solicit community

input on a request for an exception by publishing a notice of the request in the **Federal Register**. Individuals and entities have 30 days to submit written comments on the request, which may include documentation demonstrating that the physician-owned hospital requesting the exception does or does not qualify as an “applicable hospital” or “high Medicaid facility,” as defined in § 411.362(c)(2) and (c)(3), respectively. We notify the hospital of comments received, and the hospital has 30 days after such notice to submit a rebuttal statement (§ 411.362(c)(5)(ii)). Section 411.362(c)(5) also specifies the timing for when CMS deems a request for an exception to the facility expansion prohibition complete.

If we grant the request for an exception, the expansion may occur only in facilities on the hospital’s main campus and may not result in the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds for which the hospital is licensed to exceed 200 percent of the hospital’s baseline number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds (§ 411.362(c)(6)).

## III. Public Response to Notice With Comment Period

On May 8, 2015, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 26566) entitled, “Request for an Exception to the Prohibition on Expansion of Facility Capacity under the Hospital Ownership and Rural Provider Exceptions to the Physician Self-Referral Prohibition.” In the May 8, 2015 notice, we stated that as permitted by section 1877(i)(3) of the Act and our regulations at § 411.362(c), the following physician-owned hospital requested an exception to the prohibition on expansion of facility capacity:

*Name of Facility:* Doctors Hospital at Renaissance (DHR).

*Location:* 5501 South McColl Road, Edinburg, Texas 78539.

*Basis for Exception Request:* Applicable Hospital.

In the May 8, 2015 notice, we also solicited comments from individuals and entities in the community in which DHR is located.

We received 21 comments, 14 of which were variations of a form letter, and commenters generally opposed DHR’s request to expand.

One or more of the commenters raised questions or concerns regarding:

- Whether DHR’s request conforms to the procedural requirements set forth at § 411.362(c);
- Whether DHR demonstrated that it satisfied the population growth criterion using the data required under § 411.362(c)(2)(i);

- Whether the data source used by DHR to demonstrate satisfaction of the inpatient Medicaid admissions criterion at § 411.362(c)(2)(ii) was permissible;

- Whether DHR satisfied the non-discrimination criterion at § 411.362(c)(2)(iii);

- How a facility expansion by DHR would affect the community in which it is located; and

- The amount of increased facility capacity requested by DHR.

On June 16, 2015, as required by § 411.362(c)(5)(ii), we notified DHR that we received comments in response to the May 8, 2015 notice and that these comments were available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>. DHR submitted a rebuttal statement on July 15, 2015. The statement rebutted each of the commenters’ assertions regarding the applicable hospital eligibility criteria and addressed the concerns expressed by the commenters regarding an expansion by the hospital.

## IV. Decision

This final notice announces our decision to approve DHR’s request for an exception to the prohibition against expansion of facility capacity. As required by our current regulations and public guidance documents, DHR submitted the data and certifications necessary to demonstrate that it satisfies the criteria to qualify as an applicable hospital. Further, CMS considered the assertions of the commenters about DHR’s compliance with the procedural requirements set forth at § 411.362(c), the population growth criterion under § 411.362(c)(2)(i), the data source used by DHR to demonstrate satisfaction of the inpatient Medicaid admissions criterion at § 411.362(c)(2)(ii), and the non-discrimination criterion at § 411.362(c)(2)(iii). Following our review of the information provided by the commenters, we are not persuaded that DHR failed to satisfy one or more of the applicable hospital eligibility criteria or that its request failed to conform to our procedural requirements. Also, CMS cannot consider any concerns unrelated to the statutory and regulatory eligibility criteria when determining whether to grant an exception to a requesting hospital. In addition, if a hospital qualifies as either an applicable hospital or high Medicaid facility, CMS does not have the discretion to grant less than the requested increase in facility capacity.

In accordance with section 1877(i)(3) of the Act, we are granting DHR’s request for an exception to the prohibition against expansion of facility capacity based on the following criteria:

- DHR is located in Hidalgo County, which has a percentage increase in population that is at least 150 percent of the percentage increase in Texas' population during the most recent 5-year period for which data was available as of the date that DHR submitted its request;

- DHR has an annual percentage of total inpatient admissions under Medicaid that is equal to or greater than the average percentage with respect to such admissions for all hospitals located in Hidalgo County during the most recent 12-month period for which data are available as of the date that DHR submitted its request;

- DHR certified and provided satisfactory documentation that it does not discriminate against beneficiaries of Federal health care programs and does not permit physicians practicing at the hospital to discriminate against such beneficiaries;

- DHR is located in Texas, which has an average bed capacity that is less than the national average bed capacity during the most recent fiscal year for which HCRIS, as of the date that the hospital submitted its request, contained data from a sufficient number of hospitals to determine Texas' average bed capacity and the national average bed capacity; and

- DHR has an average bed occupancy rate that is greater than the average bed occupancy rate in Texas during the most recent fiscal year for which HCRIS, as of the date that DHR submitted its request, contained data from a sufficient number of hospitals to determine its average bed occupancy rate and Texas' average bed occupancy rate.

In determining that DHR satisfied the Medicaid inpatient admissions, bed capacity and bed occupancy criteria, we deemed the HCRIS and Texas State Medicaid Agency data used by DHR to satisfy the standards set forth in the regulations published on November 10, 2014, for those criteria.

Our approval grants DHR's request to add a total of 551 operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds for which DHR is licensed. Pursuant to § 411.362(c)(6), the expansion may occur only in facilities on the hospital's main campus and may not result in the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds for which the hospital is licensed to exceed 200 percent of the hospital's baseline number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds. DHR certified that its baseline number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds for which it was licensed as of March 23, 2010, was 551. Accordingly, we find that granting the additional 551 operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds will not exceed the limitation on a permitted expansion.

**IV. Collection of Information Requirements**

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 4, 2015.

**Andrew M. Slavitt,**  
*Acting 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:* Goal-Oriented Adult Learning in Self-Sufficiency Study

*OMB No.:* New Collection

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is proposing a data collection activity as part of the Goal-Oriented Adult Learning in Self-Sufficiency (GOALS) study. The purpose of the GOALS project is to address the nexus between the growing knowledge base in the psychological sciences and long-standing approaches to self-sufficiency programs targeted to adults and young adults. The project will explore the programmatic implications of existing research on psychological processes associated with goal-directed behaviors, including socio-emotional regulation and cognitive skills, executive functioning, and related areas. The project will synthesize current research on these topics; address how insights gained from research can be used to promote economic advancement among low-income populations, identify promising strategies, or strengthen underlying skills in these areas; and inform measurement of changes and developments in skill acquisition.

The proposed information collection activity consists of exploratory calls with program directors and administrators, semi-structured interviews with key program staff and community partner organization staff, and focus group discussions with program participants. ACF seeks to gain an in-depth, systematic understanding of program administration and implementation, service delivery and operation, outputs and outcomes, and identify promising practices and other areas for further study.

*Respondents:* Key program directors and administrators, program staff and community partner organization staff, and program participants at selected program sites.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Exploratory telephone call semi-structured interview—program directors and administrators .....	24	12	1	1	12
Site visit semi-structured interview—program staff and community partner organization staff .....	180	90	1	1.25	113
Site visit group discussion—program participants .....	84	42	1	1.25	53

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 178.

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for

Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should

be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

*OMB Comment:* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the