

Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB) will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding Zero Burden Information Collection Reports. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 82 FR 40002, on August 23, 2017. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before: January 3, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number 3090-0250. Select the link "Comment Now" that corresponds with "Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports". Follow the instructions provided on the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports" on your attached document.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Mandell/IC 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), approximately two-to-three business days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Dana Munson, Procurement Analyst, General Services Acquisition Policy, at telephone 202-357-9652 or via email to [dana.munson@gsa.gov](mailto:dana.munson@gsa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### A. Purpose

This information requirement consists of reports that do not impose collection burdens upon the public. These collections require information which is already available to the public at large, or that is routinely exchanged by firms during the normal course of business. A general control number for these collections decreases the amount of paperwork generated by the approval process.

GSA has a published rule in the **Federal Register** that falls under information collection 3090-0250. The rule that prescribed clause 552.238-70 "Identification of Electronic Office Equipment Providing Accessibility for the Handicapped" was published at 56 FR 29442, June 27, 1991, titled "Implementation of Public Law 99-506", with an effective date of July 8, 1991.

### B. Annual Reporting Burden

None.

### C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:* Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0250, Zero Burden Information Collection Reports, in all correspondence.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2017-0115]

#### Availability of Draft Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) Operations Manual and VSP Construction Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the opening of a public docket to obtain comment on the draft Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) Operations Manual and the VSP Construction Guidelines. Information about locating these documents can be found in the supporting materials section and on the VSP Web site. VSP established the public health standards found in the VSP Operations Manual and Construction Guidelines to target the control and prevention of gastrointestinal illnesses on cruise ships. The VSP Operations Manual and Construction Guidelines were last updated in 2011. New technology, advanced food science, and emerging pathogens require updates to these documents.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by February 2, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number CDC-2017-0115, by any of the following methods:

- *Internet:* Access the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Vessel Sanitation Program, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, MS F-59, Chamblee, Georgia 30341-3717.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Commander Aimee Treffiletti, Chief, Vessel Sanitation Program, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway NE., MS F-59, Chamblee, Georgia 30341-3717; phone: 800-323-2132 or 954-356-6650; email: [vsp@cdc.gov](mailto:vsp@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HHS/CDC established the Vessel Sanitation

Program (VSP) in the 1970s as a cooperative activity with the cruise ship industry. VSP helps the cruise ship industry prevent and control the introduction, transmission, and spread of gastrointestinal illnesses (GI) on cruise ships. VSP operates under the authority of the Public Health Service Act (Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act; 42 U.S.C. 264, “Control of Communicable Diseases”). Regulations found at 42 CFR 71.41 state that carriers arriving at U.S. ports from a foreign area are subject to sanitary inspections to determine whether rodent, insect, or other vermin infestations exist, or whether contaminated food or water or other sanitary conditions requiring measures for the prevention of the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable diseases are present.

VSP established the public health standards found in the current version of the VSP Operations Manual and VSP Construction Guidelines. These standards target the control and prevention of GI illnesses on cruise ships.

VSP is updating the VSP Operations Manual to reflect new technologies, current food science, disease patterns and trends, and emerging pathogens. VSP also is updating the VSP Construction Guidelines as a framework of consistent construction and design guidelines related to public health, including vessel facilities related to food storage, preparation, and service and water bunkering, storage, disinfection, and distribution.

The draft VSP Operations Manual and the draft VSP Construction Guidelines are available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), Docket No. CDC-2017-0115, under Supplemental Materials.

Dated: November 27, 2017.

**Sandra Cashman,**

*Executive Secretary, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS-6075-N]

#### Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Provider Enrollment Application Fee Amount for Calendar Year 2018

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a \$569.00 calendar year (CY) 2018 application fee for institutional providers that are initially enrolling in the Medicare or Medicaid program or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP); revalidating their Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP enrollment; or adding a new Medicare practice location. This fee is required with any enrollment application submitted on or after January 1, 2018 and on or before December 31, 2018.

**DATES:** This notice takes effect on January 1, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Singer, (410) 786-0365.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

In the February 2, 2011 **Federal Register** (76 FR 5862), we published a final rule with comment period titled “Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance Programs; Additional Screening Requirements, Application Fees, Temporary Enrollment Moratoria, Payment Suspensions and Compliance Plans for Providers and Suppliers.” This rule finalized, among other things, provisions related to the submission of application fees as part of the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP provider enrollment processes. As provided in section 1866(j)(2)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and in 42 CFR 424.514, “institutional providers” that are initially enrolling in the Medicare or Medicaid programs or CHIP, revalidating their enrollment, or adding a new Medicare practice location are required to submit a fee with their enrollment application. An “institutional provider” for purposes of Medicare is defined at § 424.502 as “(a)ny provider or supplier that submits a paper Medicare enrollment application using the CMS-855A, CMS-855B (not including physician and non-physician practitioner organizations), CMS-855S, or associated Internet-based PECOS enrollment application.” As we explained in the February 2, 2011 final rule (76 FR 5914), in addition to the providers and suppliers subject to the application fee under Medicare, Medicaid-only and CHIP-only institutional providers would include nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID), psychiatric residential treatment facilities, and may include other institutional provider types designated by a state in accordance with their approved state plan.

As indicated in § 424.514 and § 455.460, the application fee is not required for either of the following:

- A Medicare physician or non-physician practitioner submitting a CMS-855I.
- A prospective or revalidating Medicaid or CHIP provider—
  - ++ Who is an individual physician or non-physician practitioner; or
  - ++ That is enrolled in Title XVIII of the Act or another state’s Title XIX or XXI plan and has paid the application fee to a Medicare contractor or another state.

#### II. Provisions of the Notice

##### A. CY 2017 Fee Amount

In the November 7, 2016 **Federal Register** (81 FR 78159), we published a notice announcing a fee amount for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 of \$560.00. This figure was calculated as follows:

- Section 1866(j)(2)(C)(i)(I) of the Act established a \$500 application fee for institutional providers in CY 2010.
- Consistent with section 1866(j)(2)(C)(i)(II) of the Act, § 424.514(d)(2) states that for CY 2011 and subsequent years, the preceding year’s fee will be adjusted by the percentage change in the consumer price index (CPI) for all urban consumers (all items; United States city average, CPI-U) for the 12-month period ending on June 30 of the previous year.
  - The CPI-U increase for CY 2011 was 1.0 percent, based on data obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This resulted in an application fee amount for CY 2011 of \$505 (or \$500 × 1.01).
  - The CPI-U increase for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 was 3.54 percent, based on BLS data. This resulted in an application fee amount for CY 2012 of \$522.87 (or \$505 × 1.0354). In the February 2, 2011 final rule, we stated that if the adjustment sets the fee at an uneven dollar amount, we would round the fee to the nearest whole dollar amount. Accordingly, the application fee amount for CY 2012 was rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount, or \$523.00.
  - The CPI-U increase for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 was 1.664 percent, based on BLS data. This resulted in an application fee amount for CY 2013 of \$531.70 (\$523 × 1.01664). Rounding this figure to the nearest whole dollar amount resulted in a CY 2013 application fee amount of \$532.00.
  - The CPI-U increase for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 was 1.8 percent, based on BLS data.